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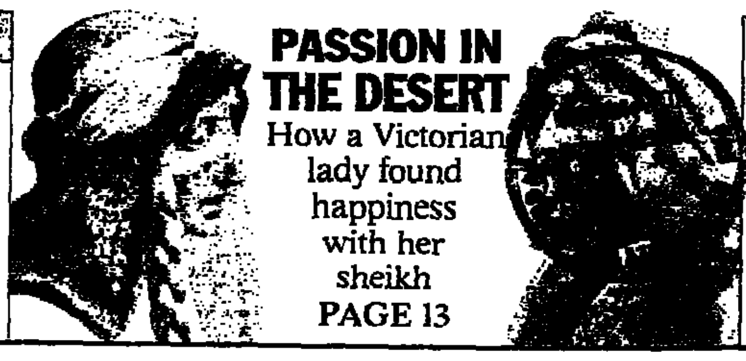

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Future of the monarchy is scrutinised

By Alan Hamilton and Andrew Pierce

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair have been involved in detailed private talks with the Queen and Prince of Wales over radical proposals to reform the monarchy, it emerged last night.

The leaked proposals bear all the hallmarks of the Prince of Wales's vision of the throne he would like to inherit. They include financing the monarchy entirely from Crown Estate revenues, dis-establishing the Church of England, repealing the 295-year-old ban against heirs to the throne marrying Roman Catholics, and allowing the first-born child of a monarch to succeed to the throne irrespective of sex.

Buckingham Palace acknowledged yesterday that an informal group of Royal Family members and their most senior advisers met twice a year to discuss major strategic issues affecting the future of the Crown.

But Palace sources, while admitting that revolutionary proposals were often aired in private, denied that they formed part of a concerted plan by the Queen to redesign the monarchy in order that it might survive into the 21st century.

The Palace added that no immediate changes to the monarchy were in prospect, and said it was natural and inevitable that the Queen and her closest circle should look to the future, which they had been doing regularly for some time.

No action on the proposals is expected until at least after the next general election, and possibly even a long time after that. All the main points of debate have been the subject of discussion for years, and most have been aired publicly in the past by the Prince of Wales, most notably in the biography by Jonathan Dimbleby, in which the Prince cooperated closely.

"We got rid of all the hangers-on. What happens now?"

The Prince has gone on record as saying that he would prefer to be "Defender of Faiths" to acknowledge the multi-cultural mix of modern Britain. It is some years since he first floated the idea of returning the Royal Family's funding to the Crown Estate as a means of achieving complete financial independence from government.

"Tony Blair has been kept informed on Privy Council terms. But underlying the discussions with both the Queen and the Prince of Wales is the feeling that it might be his government which presides over any changes," said one senior Whitehall official last night.

But Labour MPs immediately served notice that some of the plans would not go through without a fight. Any move to scrap the Civil List, currently costing £8.9 million a year, and return to the Royal Ramily the revenues of the Crown Estate — which last year yielded the Treasury over £94 million — would be strongly opposed by MPs on both sides of the House.

John Major, widely credited with helping to persuade the Queen to pay income tax, has given enthusiastic backing to the Royal discussions. But the existence of the planning group came as a surprise to many junior members of the Royal Family yesterday. "The first they knew about it was when they read it in the papers," one former courtier said.

Vernon Bogdanor, professor of government at Oxford University, who is a confidante of the Prince of Wales, has emerged as one of the key influences on the Prince's view of the kind of monarchy he would like.

Many of the proposals for change were contained in his book, *The Monarchy and The Constitution*, published last year. Professor Bogdanor talked at length to the Prince while writing the book, which is regarded as a key text on the future of the monarchy.

Downing Street's heavy involvement in the discussions is illustrated by the fact that two of Mr Major's most senior advisers attended a private lunch at the palace last July. "The powers encompassed in the Royal Prerogative were on the menu," said one guest.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet secretary, and Alex Allan, the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, were at the lunch. Only a few weeks earlier, Labour had published proposals to strip the Crown of most of its few remaining vestigial powers. Also at the gathering were Professor Bogdanor and Lord Blake, the constitutional historian, along with senior members of the Royal household.

Sir Robin and Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, meet regularly to discuss political issues affecting the monarchy and report back to the Queen and Prime Minister.

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Tom Loughlin, four, and his sister, Jodie, six. They changed quickly on reaching the beach and were last seen running towards the waves

Hopes fade for missing beach children

By Stephen Farrell and Lin Jenkins

TWO children were missing and feared to have drowned last night after a 24-hour search by police, coastguards and volunteers failed to find a trace of them on a holiday beach in Norfolk.

Jodi Loughlin, six, and her brother Tom, four, from Norwood in south London, disappeared within minutes of arriving at the shore in Holme next the Sea, three miles from Hunstanton, on Sunday. The excited youngsters undressed quicker than their parents, ran towards the incoming water and disappeared into a crowd of sunbathers at 5.30pm. Neither could swim.

Their father Kevin and mother Lynette, both 37, searched for two hours as the tide came in rapidly on a dangerous coastline dotted with troughs and sandbanks. They alerted police who hunted into the night using an RAF Sea King helicopter from RAF Wattisham equipped with searchlights and thermal imaging cameras, a police helicopter and coastguard and lifeboat vessels.

Police search the shore

As darkness fell 100 people from the area and tourists responded to coastguard loudhailer appeals and formed three torchlight search lines along the beach, dunes and thick gorse inland. The hunt continued until 1am and resumed at first light, 4.45am. As helicopters scanned a wider area, 40 police, 34 firemen and coastguards and Customs and Excise officers in four-wheel drive vehicles scoured a four-mile stretch of beach from Old Hunstanton east to Thornham Harbour.

Meanwhile, civilian volunteer canoeists paddled up dykes and police searched 150 beach huts, breaking open some of them. Volunteer mountain rescue teams from the Peak District and Scarborough brought four border collies trained to find people in difficult terrain.

Coastguards said the task's size was doubled by the location of the beach at the corner of the Wash. Currents move south towards King's Lynn and east along the north Norfolk coast. The children disappeared on one of the worst days of the year, a day off a spring tide when the high and low water marks are at maximum and the sea comes in more rapidly.

"Hope is fading. The only chance now is if they are somewhere inland," said David Thiel, coastguard sector officer. "The particular hazard here is that the tide comes in relatively quickly and people can be cut off with water coming in behind them. You may be standing in a foot of water but just a few yards away it is 2ft to 3ft deeper and that, for a child, is a lot."

The man leading the hunt, Superintendent John Hale, of Norfolk constabulary, refused to give up hope but admitted low-level aircraft had flown over all areas where the children could be and each building and plot of ground had been examined at least twice.

Mr Loughlin, a computer consultant and his partner, a physiotherapist, had visited Norfolk previously, but had driven up from London only the day before.

Mr Hale said they should not blame themselves. "They were together and the children went very, very quickly on arriving here straight down to the edge of the sea."

He said there was no evidence Jodi and Tom — pupils at Rockmount Junior and Infants School — were abducted, and nothing to suggest anything other than that they "simply walked away or, sadly perhaps, have been washed away".

☐ **Boy drowned:** Scott Dickerson, eight, of Langley Mill, Derbyshire, was found drowned on Trusthorpe beach, near Mablethorpe, in Lincolnshire, on Sunday. He had been staying with relatives at nearby Sutton on Sea.

Moral Maze rabbi dies

Rabbi Hugo Gryn, the well known broadcaster and President of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, died from cancer late on Sunday. He was 66. Rabbi Gryn, who was born in Czechoslovakia and who survived Auschwitz, became best known to the public for his radio broadcasts, including *Thought for the Day*, and for his *Moral Maze* appearances. He last took part in the *Moral Maze* series two weeks ago when he was already desperately ill, leaving his hospital bed to do so..................Obituary, page 17

Fred West police help Belgian hunt

By Roger Boyes in Charleroi and Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

BELGIAN police hunting for more possible victims of a paedophile ring yesterday sought advice from officers in Gloucestershire who carried out the exhaustive search for bodies at the home of Fred and Rosemary West.

Superintendent John Bennett, who led the murder inquiry at Cromwell Street, Gloucester, spoke to Belgian police yesterday afternoon. "They wanted to draw upon our experiences, in particular our search techniques," said a police spokesman. In the search at Cromwell Street officers used a radar device, that looked like a primitive lawn mower, to detect buried bodies.

The Belgians have also been in touch with Bramshill Police College which acts as an international information centre for inquiries needing special expertise.

In Belgium, Michelle Martin, the wife of a child rapist at the heart of the paedophilia scandal, was charged yesterday with being an accomplice in the crimes of Marc Dutroux. Ms Martin, 36, a tall former teacher was flown to a remote court room in southern Belgium to avoid the furious crowds waiting for her in Neufchâteau. She denies any involvement in the crimes of Mr Dutroux, who has confessed to killing an accomplice and has been charged with kidnapping minors.

The bodies of two eight-year-old girls, as well as the murdered accomplice, were dug up from the garden of the house she shared with Mr Dutroux in Sars-la-Buissière, near Charleroi. Police are searching the country for other bodies.

Another paedophilia case under investigation in Belgium involves a woman who took pictures while her male companion abused children.

Facing a wave of public anger at the leniency of Belgian law regarding convicted child sex offenders, Justice Minister Stefaan de Clerck pledged yesterday to make it harder for them to be released from jail early. "A prison commission will now be established to look at all these sort of delicate files," he said.

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Heatwave to end before bank holiday

THE heatwave is coming to an end. Yesterday the hottest place in Britain was Nottingham at 89.2F (31.8C). Weathermen had predicted that the 1996 record of 33C in Jersey on July 22 would be beaten.

Nice, on the French Riviera, recorded a noon temperature of 27C.

But unsettled weather is on the way and there may be showers and temperatures of only 72F for the bank holiday next weekend.

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Pets and owners find common ground for ever

By Robin Young

A CEMETERY where pets and their owners can be buried together — thought to be Europe's first — won the go-ahead yesterday.

Julian Wedgwood, a greetings card publisher, was to his surprise given planning permission by Torridge District Council for the cemetery at Huntshaw, north Devon.

Among supporters is the rector of Huntshaw, the Rev Richard Acworth. He said funeral services for humans could take place in the church of St Mary Magdalen, followed by burial under Mr Wedgwood's oaks in what was formerly a glebe field belonging to the church. "I would, not hold funeral services in church for pets," he added, "but I would be prepared to say a few prayers at the graveside."

Mr Wedgwood said the idea came to him as he was pruning some of the 2,000 oak trees he planted on a south-facing slope above his home, Huntshaw House, to stop occasional flooding.

"I got to thinking about the Mongols. I realised this was a perfect place for a burial ground. The Mongols always wanted to be buried beneath a tree on a south-facing slope, and they wanted to be buried with their horses beside them. I had the trees, I had the slope, and I thought, 'Why not bury both pets and people?'"

His scheme is to lease each tree for £150 for ten years, that payment to cover the burial of the first pet. Further pets — anything up to horses — can be interred for a charge according to size.

Burial of humans will cost £250 per person, and tree leases will be renewable at terms to be agreed every ten years. "Humans will be buried to the south of the tree, as the Mongols would have insisted," Mr Wedgwood said. "Pets can go to the east, north or west. If anyone wanted their pet buried alongside them or in a double depth grave, I expect that could be arranged."

The parish council of Huntshaw and Alverdiscott backed the scheme and Mr Wedgwood said he was surprised at the lack of objections. "I put in for it hoping for the best but fearing the worst, but there were only three letters of opposition."

Mr Wedgwood added: "Ecologically it is perfect. Like oak trees, people are made up of carbohydrates. The remains will go to nourish the trees."

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Crown board that thinks the unthinkable

By Alan Hamilton

MEMBERS of the Royal Family and their senior advisers have been meeting regularly as a group since 1992 to discuss forward planning and major issues affecting the position and future of the monarchy.

It would be surprising, indeed worrying, if the royal family did not occasionally sit down and contemplate its future. Every government ministry and business corporation has some mechanism for long-distance strategic planning, so why not the Crown?

The group has no official name, no fixed timetable and no formal agenda. Referred to unofficially in some quarters as the Planning Group, it meets twice a year, usually at Sandringham and Balmoral because only during the holiday periods are its members sufficiently free from day-to-day business to find the time.

In the comfortable surroundings of a drawing room at one of the Queen's two private homes, the members talk informally and freely about future plans, which could range from major constitutional issues to the nuts and bolts of overseas royal tours. No one takes the chair, although the Duke of Edinburgh is said to be a particularly active participant.

The meeting is in effect a family council attended by the Queen and Prince Philip, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, Prince Edward and the Princess Royal. Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, and his deputy Robin Janvrin are present, as is Commander Richard Aylard, the Prince of Wales's private secretary.

The family firm in action. Behind the scenes, senior members and their advisers meet for strategic planning, in a group with no fixed timetable and no formal agenda

The Earl of Airlie, Lord Chamberlain, and Michael Peat, the royal household's director of finance, have attended past meetings to advise on financial aspects.

Monarchs have always held family meetings, if only to discuss the upbringing of their children. The meetings were put on a slightly more regulated footing at the time of the Queen's *annus horribilis* for two reasons. First, senior Buckingham Palace officials were becoming concerned at the lack of liaison with the Prince of Wales's office at St James's Palace, which they increasingly felt was being run as an independent principality.

Second, the royal family found itself faced with a number of important decisions. Major issues discussed by the group in the past four years, and subsequently made public when they were firmed up into policy, include: the Queen's decision to pay income tax; the removal of all members of the royal family except the Queen, Prince Philip and the Queen Mother, from the Civil List; the Queen's decision to fund the restoration of Windsor Castle after the fire; and opening Buckingham Palace to the public.

Another topic at all recent meetings will have been the Prince and Princess of Wales's failed marriage, and what should be done about it.

The group was, however, notably less successful in stirring the parties to early action than it has been in other, more businesslike, departments of the royal firm.

Government ministers are occasionally invited to take part in the discussions. Peter Brooke, when National Heritage Secretary, sat in on the family debate over what to do about the Windsor fire.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will be present at this summer's group meeting at Balmoral, in order to advise on forthcoming overseas royal visits, which are undertaken only on Foreign Office advice.

The main conduit carrying the views of the group to government, however, is the regular contact between Sir Robert Fellowes and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet secretary.

Although Buckingham Palace refuses to say what is discussed at group meetings, treating them with the same confidentiality as the Prime Minister's weekly audience with the Queen, it is clear that the informality of the occasions means that anything and everything can be aired, without necessarily becoming set in concrete as official policy.

One visible result of the meetings since 1992 is that, when informal discussions have hardened into decision, the Palace has held open and detailed press briefings on the result, as in the cases of the royal income tax and the Windsor restoration funding. The Queen is well aware, in the current climate, of the need for openness.

The very existence of the meetings is an indication that the Queen has a finger in the wind, and is willing at least to contemplate jumping before she is pushed.

The Palace said yesterday: "It is worth pointing out that one of the reasons the monarchy has lasted for over 1,000 years is that it is able to adapt and change as necessary, whilst retaining the overwhelming public support it enjoys."

☐ The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh are to make State visits to India and Pakistan next year, half a century after both countries gained their independence from Britain. Buckingham Palace announced yesterday that the visits would take place in October 1997 at the invitation of the presidents of the two countries. The subcontinent was divided between India and the new Islamic nation of Pakistan on August 14, 1947.

Royal reforms put Blair's head on the party block

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

TONY BLAIR was given a warning last night that he could face a backbench revolt if a Labour government endorsed moves to end the Civil List and to restore the income from the Crown Estate to the Royal Family.

Tory MPs also expressed private misgivings over the leaked proposals from Buckingham Palace, which they believed were another sign of the monarchy overreacting to public opinion. Some Tory MPs feared the process had been initiated to pave the way for the Prince of Wales to remarry.

Lord Blake, the Tory historian, said last night: "The monarchy has survived much worse than a temporary bout of unpopularity which is brought about by the activities of the younger royals. Why change an institution which has worked for centuries?"

Tony Blair, who has been kept closely informed of the proposed changes, which might be expected to take place under his prime ministership, was left in no illusion last night about the danger of bringing the Royal Family into Labour Party politics.

Alan Williams, the Labour MP for Swansea West, a leading Commons critic of the funding of the royals, said: "This is nothing but a public relations gambit and another sign of the desperation of the Palace. This is panic, not constitutional evolution. Prince Charles is terrified that the public will not want him.

"I cannot believe that Buckingham Palace is still peddling the ludicrous idea that the Crown Estate belongs to the monarch. When Parliament took over the Crown Estate in the 18th century, the responsibility for financing the Civil Service and the judiciary was switched from the monarchy to the government.

"If the Palace is prepared to absorb the costs of the judiciary and the Civil Service once more, in return for the Crown Estate, so be it. The Royal Family might become value for money again."

Another left-wing Labour MP said: "Up to 40 per cent of Labour MPs are in favour of a republic. Constitutional reform of the monarchy is the one the Labour leadership will not address. It will have to — but not by giving back the monarchy the Crown Estate at a further net loss to the taxpayer."

Labour leaders declined to comment on the leaked Palace proposals yesterday, apart from describing them as premature press speculation. But there was confusion in the party hierachy over its precise policy position.

Aides of Tony Blair said that the party had made a manifesto commitment to reform of the Royal Prerogative. That assertion was contradicted by officials working for Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary. "There are no changes proposed," said one.

Tory MPs were also reluctant to comment yesterday. Sir George Gardiner, the leading right-wing MP, said: "It is right that periodically there should be a period of introspection. There should first be extensive consultation before any of this happens. The Prince of Wales would be advised to feel his way very carefully before considering remarriage."

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When a King is a state employee

By Emma Wilkins

THE bicycling monarchies of Europe enjoy limited political powers after a series of constitutional changes.

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is known as "the general manager of the Kingdom of Holland" while King Juan Carlos of Spain carries an identity card in common with his subjects. It lists his occupation as "employee of the state".

Queen Beatrix does not enjoy the residual political power held by our Queen but she has a reputation for being firm with cabinet ministers when necessary at her private audiences. She is not afraid to enter politics and speak out.

In Spain, King Juan Carlos has become a widely respected and much-loved figure after an inauspicious start in 1975 as the designated heir of the dictator Franco.

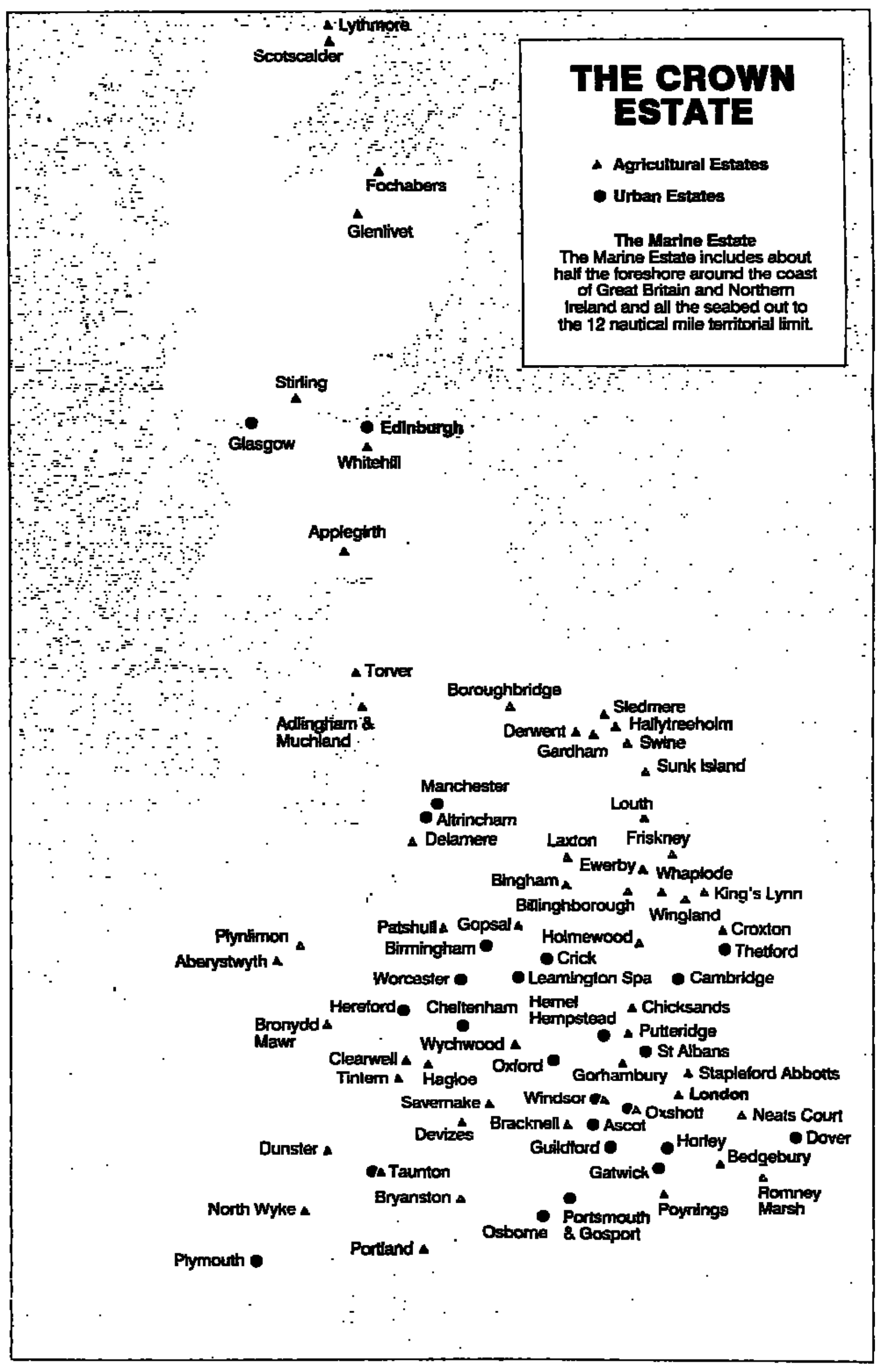
In the three years after his succession, the King built up a parliamentary democracy and stripped himself of most of his constitutional powers in the process.

The King and his family are subject to the constitution and not beyond the law, in contrast to the position in Britain where the Queen has complete immunity.

King Harald of Norway, who receives just £1.8 million from the state, retains the power of veto over legislation passed by the Storting, his country's parliament.

The King of Norway, like the British Queen, remains "Defender of the Faith" — in this case the Lutherna state religion. Until 1990 women were not eligible to succeed to the throne.

King Carl Gustav of Sweden costs his taxpayers £2 million while Queen Margrethe of Denmark, a highly intelligent monarch who speaks five languages and designs costumes for the Danish Royal Ballet, costs £3.5 million.



How the Crown Estate yielded £94.6m to Treasury last year

By Alan Hamilton

THE Crown Estate, with its origins in the reign of Edward the Confessor, is traditionally surrendered by the monarch to the Government at the start of each new reign. The Treasury then reaps the substantial profits, which last year climbed to £94.6 million.

Until 1760, the monarch received all the rent and profits, but George III surrendered them in return for a parliamentary allowance, known as the Civil List.

The estate does not include royal palaces or the Queen's private homes. It is a commercial undertaking encompassing 250,000 acres of agricultural land spreading from Devon to Caithness, occupied by 600 tenants. The estate also owns several lucrative urban properties including most of Regent Street. Other holdings include Windsor Great Park (but not the castle), business parks and shopping centres.

Crown Estate land encompasses more than half of the UK foreshore, and almost all the seabed out to the 12-mile territorial limit.

The main issues under discussion

One of the most contentious issues facing the monarchy is how it is funded. It currently receives money from the Civil List, through which the taxpayer pays £7.9 million a year for the Queen's working expenses, and £500,000 each to the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The Prince of Wales is funded entirely by private revenues from the Duchy of Cornwall.

All other members of the Royal Family who perform public duties are financed from the Queen's private resources. The total cost of the monarchy, including the Royal Squadron aircraft, Royal Yacht, Royal Train and other benefits that are funded through individual government departments, is estimated at £50 million a year.

The proposal is that the monarchy be wholly funded by profits from the Crown Estate, as it was until 1760. This, it has been argued, would remove royal financing completely from the political arena, although this overlooks the fact that before 1760 the Crown had to pay the salaries of judges and ambassadors. In March 1996 the Crown Estate handed over to the Treasury profits of £94.6 million.

PRIMOGENITURE

English tradition reaching back to the Norman Conquest dictates that the eldest male shall inherit land and title, with daughters having little look-in unless there are no sons. Queen Elizabeth II reigns because she has no brothers.

Sweden and Norway have abandoned such sexist practices and have ruled that their monarch's eldest-born shall succeed, irrespective of sex.

The question is unlikely to arise in the United Kingdom for many years: the Prince of Wales is the Queen's eldest child: the Prince's own children are both male.

The proposal to introduce inheritance by the first-born is the most likely change to be introduced by the monarchy in the foreseeable future, as it accords with current egalitarian thinking, but has no immediate implications.

SHRINKING THE CLAN

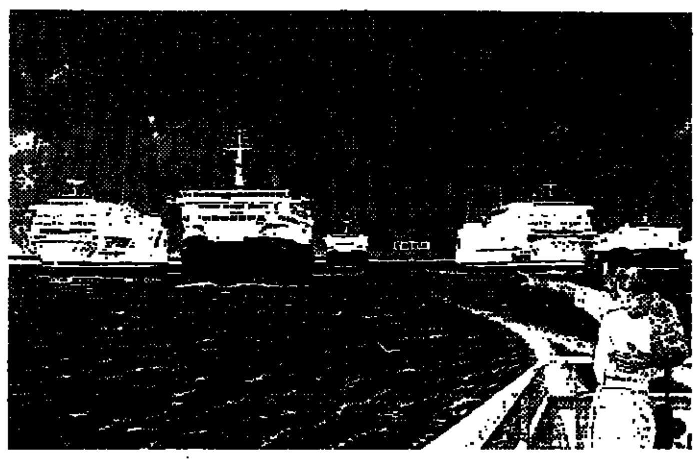
At least 12 members of the Royal Family undertake official functions although most no longer receive their working expenses from the taxpayer. Public perception is still of an over-large tribe living off public money, but this is a largely unjustified view. The proposal is that a much-reduced number, restricted to the monarch's most immediate family, should perform public duties. As minor royals such as the Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra carry out a number of unsung but widely-appreciated charitable duties, it is unlikely that they would be stopped from doing so in their lifetimes.

ADMITTING CATHOLICS

Constitutional experts have frequently called for a repeal of the Act of Settlement, passed in 1701 to prevent the Stuarts regaining the throne after the flight of the Catholic-minded James II from a predominantly Protestant England. A year later the last Stuart, Queen Anne, took the throne, tolerated because of her avowed Protestant faith. On her death in 1714 the throne went to George I of Hanover, direct descendant of James VI of Scotland and the first available Protestant in line of succession. The continued existence of the Act is often seen as an anachronism and an insult to Catholics in Britain. Any attempt at its repeal, however, would engender howls of protest from the deeply Protestant corners of the United Kingdom, and could well create mayhem in Northern Ireland.

CEASING TO DEFEND THE FAITH

All British monarchs since Henry VIII have taken the title Defender of the Faith, bestowed by Pope Leo X in 1521. Most have also been Supreme Governor of the Church of England. As the established Church of England, the Anglican Church enjoys certain privileges, including the right of bishops to sit in the House of Lords. A devoted Anglican, the Queen would not lightly abandon her position as the Church's titular head on Earth. But the Church itself is in a period of upheaval, and disestablishment at the end of the Queen's reign has been mooted even by some Anglicans. The Prince of Wales has said that, in a multi-cultural society such as the United Kingdom today, he would rather be "Defender of Faiths" to encompass the country's significant Muslim, Jewish and Hindu minorities.



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Former minister overruled prosecutor to allow abuser out of jail after only quarter of his sentence

Belgian justice in the dock over paedophile who was freed early

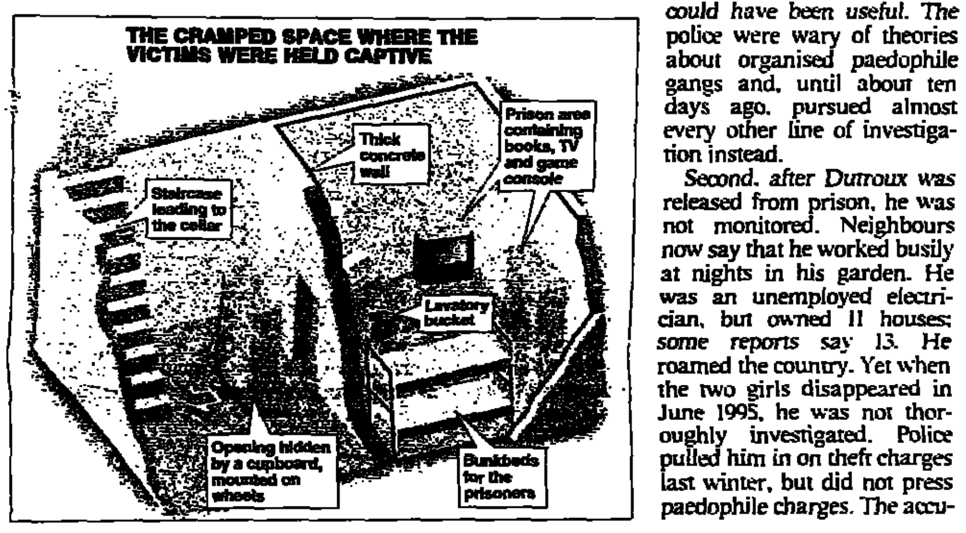
FROM ROGER BOYES IN CHARLEROI

BELGIUM'S former Justice Minister went to ground yesterday as public anger centred on why he allowed Marc Dutroux to be freed after *serving only three years of a* 13-year sentence for the sexual abuse of children.

Melchior Wathelet overruled the public prosecutor and used his special powers to release Dutroux for good behaviour. His wife was also released early, after serving half of her six-year sentence *for assisting in his* crimes.

"Do you have an easy conscience, Mr Wathelet?" reads a note pinned to the door of the parents of Mélissa Russo, one of two eight-year-olds whose bodies were found *in Dutroux's garden at the* weekend. Marie-France Botte, a child-rights activist, denounced the decision to release him as ridiculous. "How could our justice system and Mr Wathelet ignore the fact that 50 per cent of child-sex *offenders repeat their crime within 48 hours of being* released?" The crowd around Dutroux's house shouted, above the noise of the diggers and pneumatic *drills in the* garden, *for the restoration of* the death sentence; some newspapers agreed.

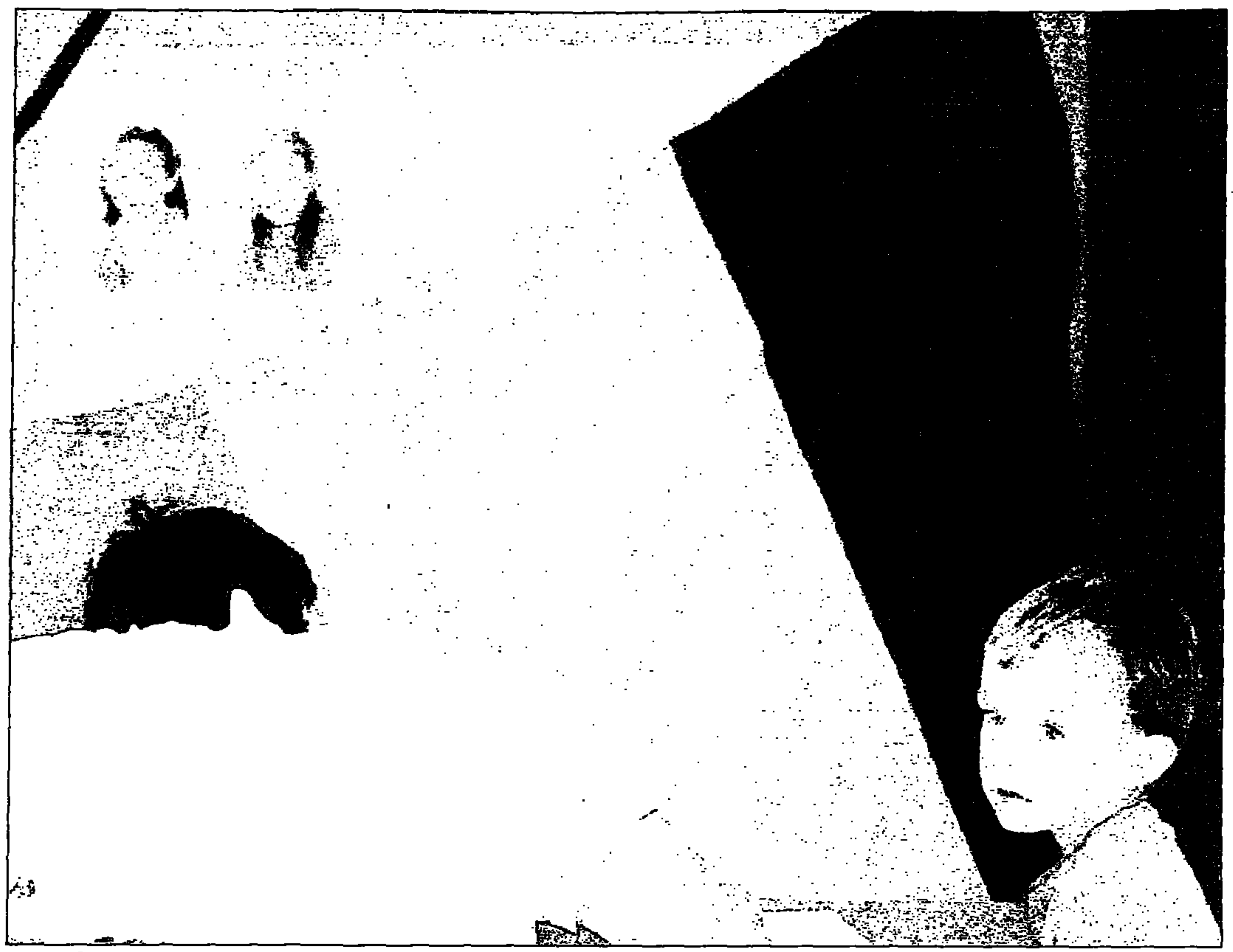
Dutroux admits kidnapping Eefje Lambreks, left, and An Marchal, who went missing last year


THE CRAMPED SPACE WHERE THE VICTIMS WERE HELD CAPTIVE
Staircase leading to the cellar
Thick concrete wall
Prison area containing books, TV and game console
Lavatory bucket
Opening hidden by a cupboard, mounted on wheels
Bunkbeds for the prisoners

Mr Wathelet is believed to be on holiday in Italy, but his home was under heavy guard yesterday. His *successor,* Stefaan de Clerck, pledged to tighten the rules on early release for child-sex offenders. He said: "A prison commis*sion will now* be established to look at all these sort of delicate files. *Only if there is unanimous* agreement could there possibly be an early release."

However, Mr de Clerck had difficulties in explaining the *catalogue of blunders that led* to at least two child murders and two recent abductions. First, the police did not involve parents in their search for the missing children, even though they had information which *could have been useful. The* police were wary of theories about organised paedophile gangs and, until about ten days ago, pursued almost every other line of investigation instead.

Second, after Dutroux was released from prison, he was not monitored. Neighbours *now say* that he worked busily at nights in his garden. He was an unemployed electrician, but owned 11 houses; *some reports* say 13. He roamed the country. Yet when the two girls disappeared in June 1995, he was not thoroughly investigated. Police pulled him *in* on theft charges last winter, but did not press paedophile charges. The accusations of theft did not hold up and he was released after a few months. Third, the police twice searched the house *where the two girls were held* and discovered nobody.



A father signing a book of condolences for the murdered eight-year-olds Julie Lejeune and Mélissa Russo near Charleroi yesterday

British police officers, such as Chief Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, who has been investigating paedophile networks, have some sympathy *with their Belgian colleagues.* "It is a problem of balancing civil liberties against the protection of the child," he said on BBC television yesterday, pointing out that sometimes only tearing down the suspect's *house* would *disclose* hidden captives or corpses. The girls were hidden in a concrete dungeon, where they died of starvation while *Dutroux was in detention last* winter.

Finally, Belgian law on child rape is relatively mild. Louis Dumont, a defrocked 73-year-old priest, was sentenced in 1992 to three years' deten*tion, to be served in a monas*tery, after being found guilty with two others of rape and child abuse.

The difficulties of unravelling a big paedophile network has already become apparent. *Dutroux, who so far has been* charged only with kidnapping and imprisonment of minors, is believed by the prosecutor to have supplied young children to a 54-year-old Brussels estate agent, who has been charged *with criminal association.*

Dutroux's confessions have, however, confused rather than clarified the investigation. He has taken detectives to the *three graves in his* garden, but denies murdering the two girls. He admits only the murder of a male accomplice after he neglected to feed them. But he has told the police that he was involved in *the abduction of Eefje* Lambrecks, 19, and An Marchal, 17, in the Ostend area. This mesh of statements may be designed to obscure what the police now believe to be the real point of his *activities: to arrange for children* to be filmed during sex.

Police said yesterday that Dutroux has remained incredibly calm as the revelations unfolded. *He has* been kept in isolation in Namur jail, partly to protect him from assault by other prisoners, who regard child abusers as the lowest in the pecking order.

Julie Lejeune and Mélissa *Russo will be buried on Thurs*day, Belgian television said. The bodies of the two girls were handed over to their parents in Grace-Hollogne, near the eastern city of Liège, yesterday after an autopsy *officially confirmed* their identities. Hundreds of sympathisers queued outside the funeral parlour to pay their respects to the children, who were *lying* side by side in two white coffins.

Dutroux, 39, *comes from* a family of five children. His parents moved to the Belgian Congo when he was a baby, but returned to Belgium in the 1960s. They divorced and Dutroux was brought up mainly by his maternal grandmother.

He is a wiry man with a trim moustache, apparently attractive to women. He is a *drifter who, after completing* his electrician's apprenticeship, dabbled in petty crime. The prosecutor's office believes that he dragged his wife into at least some of his recent activities.

Paedophilia *has become* big business on the Continent, in part because of a relatively tolerant atmosphere in The Netherlands. Last May, two men and a woman were arrested in Belgium for run*ning a paedophile gang near* Antwerp since 1992. The men operated a baby-sitting business and abused the children while the woman filmed and photographed them. The resulting pictures were sold in The Netherlands.

The link is between Amsterdam — the hub of Europe's paedophile business — Rotterdam and Antwerp. Police in *southern Belgium were reluc*tant to believe that the gangs had spread to their region.

Boys' DNA tested in Brittany murder case

BY JOANNA BALE AND PAUL WILKINSON

FRENCH detectives took sam*ples for DNA tests from* five teenage boys yesterday on the first day of their inquiry in Britain into the rape and murder last month of the schoolgirl *Caroline Dickinson.*

The boys were driven at *high speed in* an unmarked police car through the gates of Launceston police station in Cornwall. Two unmarked cars followed, containing *some of the girls* also on the school trip with Caroline, 13, when she was suffocated at a youth hostel in Brittany.

The children, not accompanied by their parents, spent two hours giving blood and *saliva samples* and being interviewed by British detectives guided by the five English-speaking gendarmes. The British officers will conduct further interviews *with the* children in suites equipped *with videotape* facilities and two-way mirrors. Social workers and child psychologists were on hand.

The five boys and the girls — believed to have been *sharing* a room with Caroline — will be interviewed over several days using a 25-page questionnaire and a computer which instantly translates English into French and relays it back to France. The boys' parents gave permission for their sons to give samples *for DNA testing,* to be matched with semen found on Caroline's body.

The Mayor of Launceston, Barry *Jordan, expressed* concern that the man leading the investigation, the French examining magistrate Gérard Zaug, was reportedly on holiday, fearing that this might cause delay. "These children have been through an awfully traumatic *time and they* are willing to do anything to help the police. I have no criticism of the French police for coming here to reinterview them," Mr Jordan said.

French police declined to *comment* on whether progress would be affected by M Zaug's absence. The boys, from Launceston College, are not thought to be suspects in the *murder last month* at a youth hostel in Pleine Fougères, but police wish to rule them out of the inquiry. Thirty-nine students on the trip are being asked to submit all photographs taken in Brittany, for possible clues.

French police believe the man who murdered Caroline might have been responsible for an incident three hours earlier in which a man tried to suffocate a 14-year-old on a trip from Hope High School, Salford, as she slept at a youth hostel 25 miles away in St Lunaire. The parents of the children involved in that incident have complained that they were not informed. The school party returned to England the next day, and the matter was not reported to *police until* the school heard about the nearby murder.

Yesterday Greater Manchester Police said they had spoken to students and teachers *from the school and passed* on information to Devon and Cornwall Police.

One Salford parent said: "The school has not been on to tell us officially about the incident and I think the whole thing is terrible. From what I can gather, no one seems to have believed the girls."

Two further incidents at youth hostels in Brittany bear *similar hallmarks.*

William Wates

Hostel link to Briton's murderer

POLICE in Honduras said yesterday that they were closing in on the killer of William Wates, the son of a millionaire builder. They believe that the 19-year-old, who had finished a tree-planting project and *was travelling alone before* starting university, was shot by a man who shared his room at a cheap hostel. Mr Wates was seen leaving with some people.

Mr Wates's father Andrew, 55, the owner of the Grand National winner Rough Quest, was expected to arrive in the South American country yesterday with another of *his five sons, Tim.*

Koo Stark refuses to identify the father of her 'wonderful surprise'

BY ADRIAN LEE

KOO STARK, 40, former girlfriend of the Duke of York, *is expecting* her first child but said yesterday that *she may* never reveal the father's identity.

Miss Stark said her pregnancy had come as a "wonderful surprise". She is still a close friend of the *Duke,* dancing with him at a recent party to mark *the tenth* anniversary of his failed marriage.

Miss Stark, an American-born photographer who is *divorced* from Tim Jefferies, the Green Shield stamps heir, said: "The father knows, and I believe I will have his loyalty he is. I feel strongly that this is a *private* matter, and the child should know before the rest of the world."

Miss Stark told *Hello!* magazine: "I wish to state now that I will never publicly reveal the identity of the *father unless it* is both his wish and that of the *child* ... I have never had a moment's hesitation or de*pression* about it, and I haven't felt as well for ages."

She admitted that the baby had not been planned and said she had at first thought she was suffering from the after-effects of two recent op*erations. "It seems that it is* my fate to bear this child out *of love* and out of wedlock. It's wouldn't advocate it, but these are my circumstances, and personally I'm absolutely thrilled to be having the baby."

In an ideal world, she said, a child would grow up within *marriage, in a stable home,* with two loving parents. She would provide a loving environment and "pray that one day there will be a husband to help me". He could be either the baby's natural father or someone to fill the role.

Miss Stark dated the Duke *15 years ago and said she* would be "greatly honoured" *if he became her baby's* godfather, adding: "I think that's a matter to be discussed after the baby's birth."

the Duke and Duchess of York's party, she *said:* "My friendship with the Duke is the one *thing that has lasted* through everything." Only *she and the Duchess* danced with the Duke at the party.

Miss Stark, a Buddhist, whose father died from cancer a year ago, said she intended to raise her child in England. Since the end of her 18-month relationship with the Duke, Miss Stark has been linked to several men. *While with the* Duke she was invited to stay *at Balmoral but her past* was deemed to make her an unsuitable Royal bride. She has declined large offers to talk about her romance with the Duke, earning the belated

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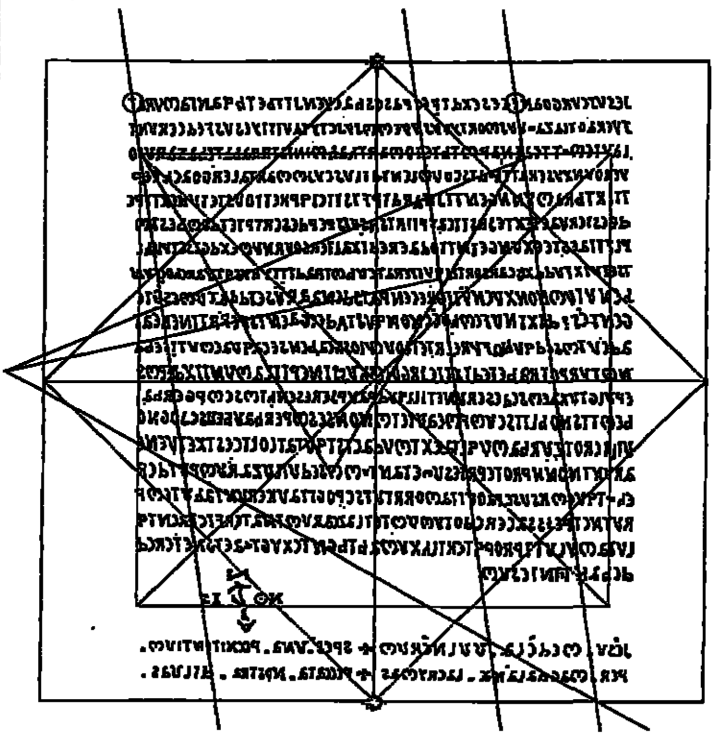

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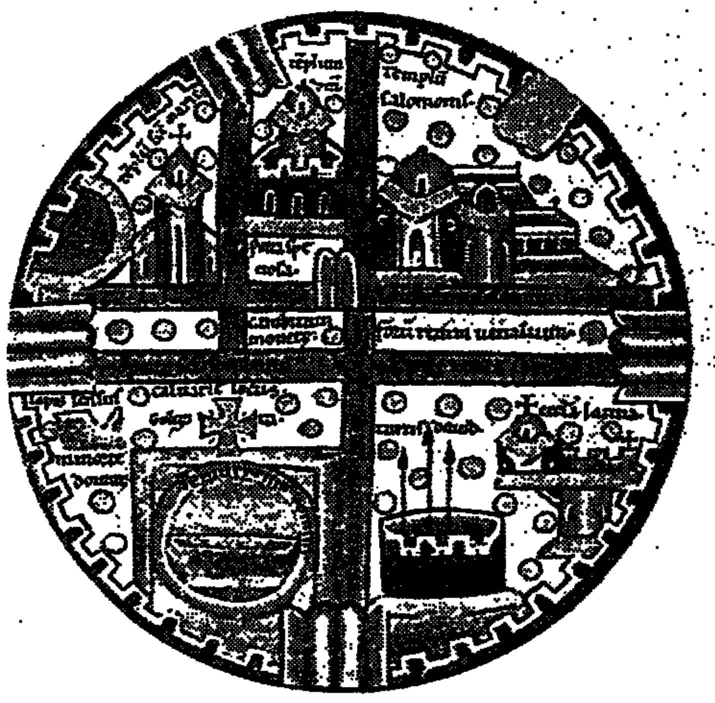

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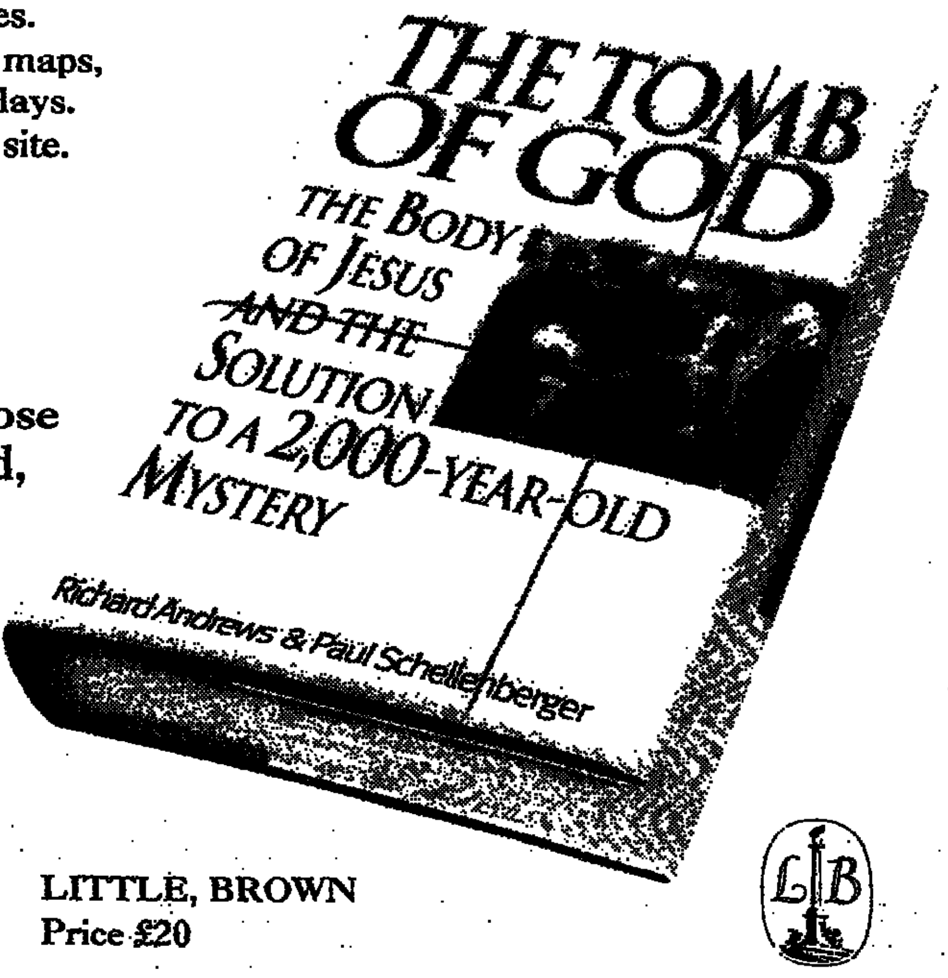
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Parents call for public inquiry

Coroner says BSE beefburgers may have killed student

By Paul Wilkinson

THE parents of a student who died from the brain disease CJD welcomed the verdict of a coroner yesterday who said their son was probably killed by eating beefburgers contaminated with BSE.

Peter Hall began suffering memory loss as an A-level student but won a place to read maths at Newcastle University before the disease reduced him, over three years, to a shambling wreck. He died in February, aged 20.

At the inquest into his death in Durham yesterday, the coroner Geoffrey Burt recorded a verdict of misadventure. He said: "It cannot be proved scientifically there is a link between CJD and BSE. We base our decisions on the level of proof and the basis of probabilities. I cannot see any reasonable explanation for a young man contracting CJD.

"Like many people his age, he had a liking for snack food and beefburgers. It is well known that not all beefburgers are made from the finest quality beef."

Peter's mother, Frances Hall, said after the hearing: "We are very pleased and surprised at the outcome of the case. We will carry on with our fight now because someone is to blame for this. The Government has known there has been a problem for a lot of years but they kept it quiet."

Derek Hall said: "It provides more ammunition for us to get things moving towards a public inquiry."

The couple, of Chester-le-Street, County Durham, who have another son John, 25, filmed the latter stages of Peter's illness to illustrate the affects of the disease. The inquest was the first to be held in the United Kingdom into a variant of CJD called Kuru, found originally among the Fore tribe of South East Asia, who practised ritual cannibalism. Just 11 other cases have been diagnosed in Britain in the past three years. At first, neurologists refused to consider it was CJD because the illness normally affects much older people.

Mr Hall told the inquest that his son became a vegetarian four years ago after watching a TV programme about cruelty to animals, he said: "Before that he liked beef burgers as a quick snack. He liked brisket too and we would have that more often than not on a Sunday."

The illness first manifested itself through memory loss when his son was a sixth-former. He went up to Newcastle University to read maths, but difficulty concentrating forced him to drop out after three months. The following year he started an environmental studies course at Sunderland. His father said: "Then he began to come home more and more often."

Peter lost weight and started suffering problems with his balance. He was eventually admitted to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, where experts believed he was suffering from a degenerative brain disorder. In December last year, his parents allowed the independent expert Dr Harash Narang to take a sample of their son's urine to test for CJD. It proved positive. He died on February 8. Dr David Burn, a consultant neurologist, said tests showed Mr Hall had two rogue genes, a "statistical improbability", which made him susceptible to CJD.

Dr Robert Perry, a consultant neuropathologist at Newcastle General Hospital, questioned by Jonathan Glasson for the Hall family, said: "My personal view is that BSE might be passed on by eating meat with offal in it which is infected. I am sure BSE can be transferred to man but it depends how. Most neurologists would link CJD to the BSE epidemic but would probably not say so in public."

Last night the Department of Health said: "Our position remains unaltered. There is no scientific proof that humans can contract CJD from beef."

The coroner, Geoffrey Burt, and Peter Hall. Evidence said BSE can be passed to humans

Talks on cull boycott

The Government began talks with abattoir owners in Northern Ireland yesterday to try to stop a boycott of the cull of older cattle spreading to the rest of Britain (Michael Hornsby writes).

All eight abattoirs in Northern Ireland stopped taking part in the cull from yesterday because the Government wanted to cut the £87.50 fee for every animal slaughtered. The cull began in May throughout Britain as part of measures to fight BSE and the Irish abattoirs were killing about 4,000 cattle a week.

Officials from the Intervention Board, the government agency running the cull, met representatives of the Northern Ireland Meat Exporters' Association at the Ministry of Agriculture in London. The board is to hold talks with the Federation of Fresh Meat Wholesalers, representing abattoirs in England, today.

Judge's warning against 'lynch law'

By Richard Ford

A JUDGE gave warning yesterday of the danger of people taking the law into their own hands when he jailed a man for unlawfully imprisoning someone he suspected of burgling his home.

"People who go out looking for perpetrators of crime in order to wreak vengeance and seek information are behaving like a lynch mob," Judge Hammond told Manchester Crown Court. "Journalists think they are impressing the public by lauding the efforts of people who behave in this way. Sooner or later it is going to bring about something awful to an innocent person."

Ian Johnson, 28, was given a one-month prison sentence, suspended for a year, after he admitted unlawfully imprisoning a man. Johnson, an assistant manager at a tyre depot, thought the man could have broken into his home and stolen his father's war medals, the court was told. When he saw the man in the street, he decided on impulse to try to get information about the burglary.

Johnson, of Manchester, and a friend drove the man to an isolated spot and questioned him for 20 minutes before releasing him. The man was not charged with burglary.

Parents are told how to play down toy adverts

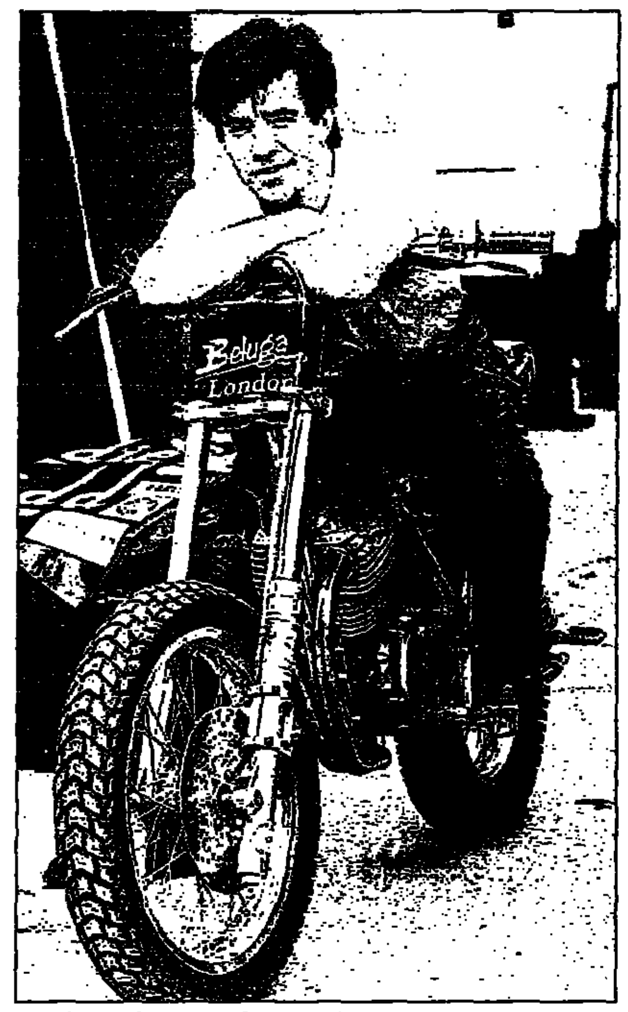
By Carol Midgley

PARENTS exasperated by "pester power" — successful nagging by children who want the latest toys shown in television commercials — are being offered help by advertisers.

Jenina Das, of the Advertising Association, said that parents needed to show their children how to develop a "hype detector" and a "healthy dose of consumer scepticism" towards advertisements, as dozens more channels become available on cable and satellite.

The association, which represents advertisers and the media, has issued a free booklet, *Parent Power*, advising parents how to influence the way children look at advertisements and how to complain about ones which offend them. The guide is being distributed by the association and in the autumn term issue of *Home & School*, the magazine of the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations.

Ms Das said: "When we were young, our parents only had to contend with two or three terrestrial channels and a handful of radio stations. Now there are dozens. Children grow up in a commercial world."



Kidd minutes before crashing at the show. He remains unconscious as doctors study brain scans

Doctors confirm that Kidd has brain damage

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

THE career of one of Britain's most colourful stuntmen appeared to be over yesterday as doctors confirmed that Eddie Kidd, the daredevil motorbike rider, had suffered brain damage as a result of his accident nine days ago.

Mr Kidd, 36, has been in a coma on a life-support machine at Warwick hospital since falling from his motorbike while attempting a 50 ft leap over a speeding car at a motorbike show on August 11. He lost control of his bike after completing the jump and plunged 20 feet down an earth bank.

Dr Jagat Aulakh, director of intensive care at Warwick hospital, said yesterday that the stunt rider was undergoing daily brain scans to assess the extent of the damage and was being kept heavily sedated and on a ventilator.

In a brief statement, he added: "Serial brain scans have shown the injury getting worse initially, but then to stabilise. He will be kept as he is until there is evidence of improvement on scanning."

Mr Kidd, who has completed an estimated 12,000 jumps in his 20-year career, liked to boast that he had never broken a bone in his body. He took up stunt riding at the age of 15, hoping to emulate his hero, the American Evel Knievel. His worst previous injury came three years ago when a hotel window fell onto his foot.

The former star of a Levi's jeans advert claimed the only thing that frightened him was women. His turbulent private life ensured regular appearances in the gossip columns and, occasionally, the courts.

His wife, Sarah, 28, a former waitress at the London nightclub Stringfellows whom he married four years ago, has returned from a holiday in France to be with him. The couple, who have a two-year-old son, Jack, separated briefly last October. Mr Kidd has also been visited by his first wife, the actress Debbie Ashe, by whom he has a 13-year-old daughter, Candy, and his parents.

The leap at Long Marston airfield, near Stafford, which ended in disaster was modest by Mr Kidd's standards. He is used to clearing rows of double-decker buses and recently soared over the Great Wall of China. The jump was, however, harder than it seemed: Mr Kidd had increased the danger by choosing to land on a ramp that sloped up, rather than down.

A spokeswoman for Warwick hospital said that Mr Kidd, who also has a fractured pelvis, had not regained consciousness since the accident but this was partly due to the heavy sedation he was under.

Ian Garrow, chief executive of Headway, the National Head Injuries Association, said that a person who was unconscious for more than six hours would suffer some residual deficit in physical or mental performance, although it could be difficult to detect.

"It is too early to say what the outcome for Eddie Kidd will be, but for the foreseeable future he is unlikely to be able to return to his former occupation."

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Geoffrey Dearmer, last of the war poets, dies at 103

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE last surviving poet of the First World War has died at the age of 103. Geoffrey Dearmer, the soldier-poet whose verse was inspired by the horrors of war, died in sheltered accommodation near Margate, Kent, on Sunday night.

Dearmer: he tempered sadness with optimism

He had survived the brutality of Gallipoli and the Western Front. Although the war took the lives of his younger brother and his mother, Dearmer never fell victim to bitterness; his writing never reflected the shock and the violence felt by such contemporaries as Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. He drew strength from a faith in God and tempered sadness with optimism.

On the death of his brother at Gallipoli in 1915, just days before he arrived there, he wrote: "Your blood shall help to purify the world." In his poem, *The Somme*, as much about renewal as slaughter, a river sings: "Though battling armies/ come and go/ I reap and sow,/ And poppy-mantled/ meadows blow/ In murdered Picardy."

Anita Ballin, of the Imperial War Museum, said: "Dearmer was an amazing man. He's not the most famous of the war poets, but it's the end of an era in which people expressed their views from their own experiences.

"The scale of the First World War was so enormous; it had such an impact on so many people's lives. Poetry was one way that people who'd been there and come out of it very scarred could express feelings of anger, grief and torment."

Jon Stallworthy, Professor of English literature at Oxford and Owen's biographer, said yesterday: "He was the oldest of our old soldiers and the oldest of our old poets. He was a true poet, born in the same year as Wilfred Owen and brought up in the same religious faith and tradition. But, unlike Owen and Sassoon, his trust in God survived the horrors first of Gallipoli and then of the Somme. He was sustained by the beauty of the natural world.

"In a sense, his work is not to be seen in the same register as Owen and Sassoon, but more of the school of Rupert Brooke. His faith in God was such that he never seemed to feel the enormity and horrors of the war. He believed there was a pattern and that God was behind the pattern. That kept him going. Dearmer lived through the horrors, but was not traumatised by them, as many of the others were."

He added that Dearmer's poetry painted him as "a man of great sweetness and gentleness". His best-known work, *The Turkish Trench Dog*, extracted humour from the most unlikely scenario. One reviewer in the 1920s spoke of a dignity that approached grandeur.

Dearmer published two acclaimed collections in the aftermath of the war and later spent 20 years as an editor on the BBC radio show *Children's Hour*. His 100th birthday was celebrated with a new edition of his works, *A Pilgrim's Song*.

Laurence Cotterell, who put together the centenary publication, said that Dearmer was so modest a character that he had not bothered to keep copies of his poems or reviews. "When he was published in 1918 by William Heinemann and in 1924 by John Murray, he was praised to the hilt on both sides of the Atlantic.

"Dearmer probably saw more action than most, but was never embittered. Most men in the trenches would have looked down and seen mud swirling around their boots, but he looked up and saw the stars. I never heard him say anything unpleasant about anyone."

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The Turkish Trench Dog

Night held me as I crawled and scrambled near
The Turkish lines. Above, the mocking stars
Silvered the curving parapet, and clear
Cloud-latticed beams o'erflecked the land with bars;
I, crouching, lay between
Tense-listening armies peering through the night,
Twin giants bound by tentacles unseen.
Here in dim-shadowed light
I saw him, as a sudden movement turned
His eyes towards me, glowing eyes that burned
A moment ere his snuffling muzzle found
My trail; and then as serpents mesmerise
He chained me with those unrelenting eyes,
That muscle-sliding rhythm, knit and bound
In spare-limbed symmetry, those perfect jaws
And soft-approaching pitter-patter paws.
Nearer and nearer like a wolf he crept —
That moment had my swift revolver leapt —
But terror seized me, terror born of shame
Brought flooding revelation. For he came
As one who offers comradeship deserved,
An open ally of the human race,
And sniffing at my prostrate form unnerved
He licked my face!

GEOFFREY DEARMER

Lewis in action. He said: "I can think that I did the distance. I knew that I was risking my life"

Swimmer crossing the Irish Sea passes out 100 metres from shore

By Audrey Magee, Ireland correspondent

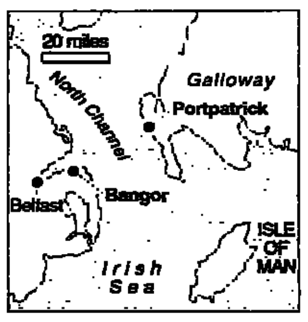
A LONG-DISTANCE swimmer attempting to cross the Irish Sea passed out in the water barely 100 metres from the finish line. Paul Lewis, 35, of Poole, Dorset, had battled for 14½ hours against icy cold water, strong currents and jelly-fish stings before losing consciousness within sight of his intended landing beach.

The 22-mile crossing from Portpatrick on the west coast of Scotland to Bangor in Ireland is regarded as one of the most difficult in the world and has been completed by only two people. Mr Lewis was making his first attempt. Last night he said it would also be his last.

"I can think in my own mind that I did it and that I did the distance," he said. "I knew I was risking my life. It just did not feel right. I was unnaturally cold and any more time at all and I would have been dead."

Wearing only trunks — the rules prevent the use of wet suits — his only protection against the cold was a silicon swimming hat and a mixture of lanolin and petroleum jelly covering his body. Mr Lewis believes he lost consciousness about 800 metres from the shore but continued moving for a further 700 metres.

His wife Janet, a physiotherapist, helped to revive him after he was pulled on board the safety boat. He was then taken to hospital in Belfast and treated for hypothermia. Mrs Lewis said: "It is terribly sad for him but at least he survived. I thought he was having a heart attack." Mr Lewis is a projects



group manager with Chase Manhattan Bank in Poole, and has two daughters. He has swum the English Channel, which he said was "a doddle" in comparison with the Irish Sea.

Alison Streeter, who holds the world's fastest time for swimming the Irish Sea — 9 hours 53 minutes in 1988 — said it was one of the most difficult crossings in the world. She and her mother Freda, who is Mr Lewis's trainer, were in mobile-phone contact with Mrs Lewis throughout the swim ten days ago. She said: "The problem is the cold and there was a lot of chop on the sea when he did it. That puts an extreme strain on the swimmer." Bill Wallace, an official observer of the swim, said: "He was so courageous, the poor chap gave his all."

The Irish Sea and the English Channel are approximately the same width. While 499 swimmers have crossed the English Channel, only five have successfully swum the Irish Sea.

Just two — Kevin Murphy of London and Ms Streeter of Redhill, Surrey — have crossed from Scotland to Ireland, which is deemed more difficult because of the current flow around Belfast Lough.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vandals destroy trout at fish farm

Vandals have destroyed more than 12 tonnes of trout at a fish farm in North Yorkshire.

They used plastic bags to block the flow of water from a river into a holding pool at the Moorlands Trout Farm near Pickering. Deprived of fresh, oxygenated water, the fish are thought to have died within 20 minutes.

Judith O'Donnell, who runs the farm with her husband Michael, said the rainbow trout, worth £32,000, constituted a third of their business.

Bail refused

The daughter of a convicted Mafia chief was refused bail by the High Court while she awaits proceedings to extradite her to Italy. Marisa Merico, 26, facing drugs charges, has served a British jail sentence for smuggling laundered money. The court was told her father once ran a crime family of 200 members.

Arson charges

Two boys, aged 14 and 16, have been charged with arson after a fire in Nottingham on Sunday. The blaze, that took seven hours to bring under control, caused damage to Habitat and Next stores, estimated at more than £5 million. Police are appealing for a third youth, aged 16, to come forward with information.

New van for firm

The firm whose van was wrecked when a private jet ploughed onto the A40 in west London last week, Clive Waldron Upholstery, of Reading, received a replacement after Cornhill Insurance agreed the claim in 24 hours. The driver, Gary Jewell, who was not badly hurt in the crash, was there as the new van was delivered.

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Cindy Irish, of Hartford, Connecticut, and Adrian Philpott, of Aberdeen, were married in the bridegroom's home town after meeting on the Internet. They exchanged vows at a ceremony in Aberdeen three days after meeting each other for the first time in a transatlantic computer-based romance that began in May.

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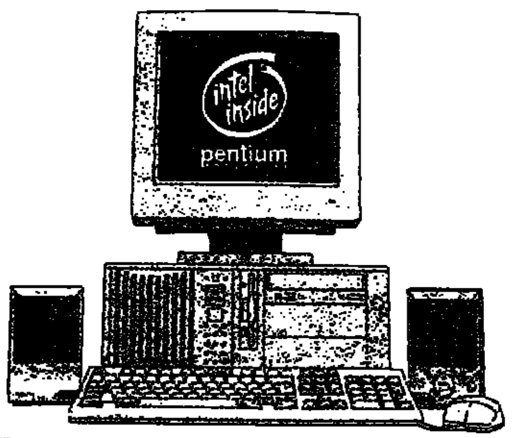

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Advice for students in clearing

Employers favour recruits from older universities

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

EMPLOYERS are creating their own "premier league" of universities, according to a survey to assist students contemplating the clearing process, which began yesterday and gives rejected applicants a second chance of a higher education place.

Traditional universities filled almost all of the top places in a table of top British companies' main recruiting grounds. Only one new university — Glasgow Caledonian — appeared among the top 25.

The survey was conducted by Mander Portman Woodward tutorial colleges as a guide to students deciding whether to retake A levels or settle for alternative courses if they miss their chosen programmes. Joe Ruston, MPW's chairman, said students needed to know the likely status of different degrees before making their choices.

Oxford and Cambridge Universities topped the poll of 105 leading companies, almost half of which said they had definite preferences in seeking graduate recruits. Manchester, Nottingham and Leeds were the next most popular universities.

Mr Ruston said: "We wanted to see if there was a premier league of universities in the minds of employers. The results show that there is and it is important that students are aware of this when they decide whether to lower their sights in clearing."

Regional preferences and companies' links in specialist fields might have influenced the final positions, Mr Ruston said. But the overall ranking showed a general preference for the most prestigious universities.

A parallel survey last year among 155 large companies also suggested that big recruiters were concentrating their efforts on traditional universities. Although a variety of names came to the fore when the list was broken down into different subjects, almost all were traditional universities.

The Performance Indicator Project, run from Harlaxton College, Grantham, and Nottingham Trent University, found that Cambridge University was employers' favourite, followed by the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Manchester, Bristol and Oxford Universities were next.

Employers are tending to concentrate on a limited number of universities, rather than join the traditional "milk round" of interviews for graduate places. Both surveys suggest the practice was narrowing the focus of top companies, although new universities were responding with courses tailored for particular industries.

The official start of clearing showed that applicants were aware of the trends. Although most traditional universities had places available through clearing, most of the 21,000 courses with vacancies were in new universities and colleges of higher education. Some of the leading universities had already closed their lists yesterday. Bristol University was among the first to announce that all its courses were full. Oxford and Cambridge never enter clearing.

Sheffield University had only three subject areas with more than a few vacancies. Andrew Hindmarch, who is responsible for admissions, said there had been "a polarisation of applications for a few years and students seem to be even more focused this time. We no longer have the long tail of applicants with little realistic chance of a place and there are far more with good grades."

The pace of clearing continued yesterday well ahead of previous years, with 15,000 more students confirmed on degree courses compared with the same time last year. Although 206,329 of the 290,000 places have been filled, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service said the number of different courses with vacancies was well up on the 14,000 available at this stage a year ago. These figures suggest there are many courses with just a handful of openings which may well disappear in the next few days.

All the places on medicine, veterinary science and dentistry courses have been filled, but openings will remain in engineering and some science subjects throughout the clearing period, which lasts until the end of next month.

☐ More than £27 million is to be made available by the Government to help students with financial problems in the new academic year. Students had hoped for an increase, but Lord Henley, the Education Minister, said the "very tough climate of funding constraints" meant that last year's figure had been maintained.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Ugly business: Woods says he was asked to look "as sinister as possible" but wasn't told about the poster

I'll be voting Labour, says man who helped to put the evil eye on Blair

By Carol Midgley

THE actor whose eyes were used to portray the hidden face of Labour revealed himself fully yesterday, as a Blair supporter who disapproved of the much-vilified Tory poster.

Scott Woods, 42, who plays a serial killer in his latest film, was recruited through Ugly, an actors' agency. He knew was being photographed for a Conservative poster, but said he was not told that his striking eyes would be superimposed on the face of the Labour leader.

The advertisement, devised by Maurice Saatchi and approved by the Tory party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, has been criticised for its use of demonic imagery. The Advertising Standards Authority has written to M & C Saatchi inviting it to defend a claim that the poster may breach the British Code of Advertising.

Donald Dewar, Labour Chief Whip, asked the Prime Minister yesterday to scrap the advert. "Surely you will agree that personally abusive adverts of this sort fall below the standards expected of political parties," he wrote.

Yesterday Mr Woods, a former hotel manager, from Hackney, northeast London, said he now regretted taking part in the campaign: "I knew that my eyes were going to be turned red and used in the poster, but they never mentioned anything about Tony Blair. If I had known, I probably wouldn't have done it. Although I think it is a clever piece of advertising, because it got people talking, I think it is far too extreme. I am not surprised there has been a backlash.

"A couple of my friends weren't very pleased with me. I believe in Tony Blair. He comes across as someone who is changing Labour for the better. In many ways, it would have been more appropriate if they put the eyes on Major."

Mr Woods, who became a full-time actor only recently, was chosen for his menacing eyes, which are blue. In an hour-long photo session at a studio in London, the rest of his face was blacked with make-up and he was told to look "as sinister as possible".

He would not reveal his fee, but said: "It might just about cover my phone bill."

The bachelor, who has managed hotels in France, New York and Tokyo, plays a serial killer in a forthcoming television film, *The Lighthouse*. His other work has included playing a pirate in Ken Russell's *Treasure Island* and a security manager in a new film, *Fifth Element*, starring Bruce Willis.

He admitted yesterday to having voted Tory once, "for Mrs Thatcher in 1979", but he insisted he would be voting Labour at the general election.

A spokeswoman for Tory central office said: "Scott Woods knew from the start that he was going to be featured in the Tory party's campaign."

Blair poster: vilified

NEWS IN BRIEF

Children snatched by pub crawler

Three children who had crept out of their homes to beg for money last Hallowe'en were abducted and taken on a pub crawl, Teesside Crown Court was told yesterday. The children, aged 12, 9 and 6, were pestering customers outside a pub in Stockton-on-Tees when David Cumiskey, 34, abducted them and took them to three more pubs before police found them. Cumiskey, of Barton, North Yorkshire, was jailed for nine months.

Concorde fine

Manchester Airport imposed fines on BA totalling more than £5,000 after Concorde exceeded noise limits on two weekend charter flights. British Airways claimed the "grossly unfair" limits were impossible to meet when the plane was fully loaded.

Man remanded

Duncan Bermingham, 31, of Longsight, Manchester, charged with murdering the 21-year-old graduate Rachel Thacker on August 11, was remanded in custody by Manchester magistrates. There was no application for bail.

Fire blocks sun

A fire at a scrapyard in Temple Cloud, Somerset, destroyed 300 cars, and sent up a pall of smoke that briefly obscured the sun and could be seen from Bristol, ten miles away. It was the second fire at the scrapyard in less than a month. Police suspect arson.

Cocaine charges

Two Filipino sailors were remanded in custody on drug charges after Ireland's biggest find of cocaine. They were crewmen on the Colombian ship *Front Guider*, on which 50kg of cocaine were found when it berthed in Moneypoint, Co Clare, last week.

Thief pulls plug

A thief climbed in through an open window of a house in Luton, Bedfordshire, and unplugged and stole a television set while its elderly owner was watching a programme. The 85-year-old woman, who was not insured, also lost a radio-cassette player.

Brocket duped in charity fraud

By A Staff Reporter

WHILE Lord Brocket was busy setting up a £4.5 million classic car fraud, he unwittingly aided someone else's deception. As chairman of an anti-drug charity, he signed a cheque that the charity director turned to his own use.

Brocket's own scheme earned him a five-year prison sentence in February and yesterday his colleague paid the penalty for his crime. The former minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church was jailed for 21 months. Judge Findlay Baker, QC, ruled that Stuart Ware, 58, should also pay £28,000 from the sale of his house, an antique grandfather clock and the surrender of an endowment policy.

The charity Trust for Information and Prevention — Trip — was set up in Hertfordshire in May 1992, St Albans Crown Court was told. Its aim was to advise and educate parents about drug abuse and to set up helpline telephone numbers.

Ware, 58, who used the bogus title of doctor before his name, was not only its director but also earned £27,000 a year as a drugs education officer with Hertfordshire County Council.

Peter Testar, for the prosecution, said Ware stole from the council and the charity. In all he took £41,861 which he used to reduce his debts. Ware, of Studham, Bedfordshire, admitted nine charges of forgery, theft and deception between October 1990 and January 1994. He asked for six other offences to be considered.

He pretended to hold a PhD from New York University, an MA from Michigan and a certificate in social work from Birmingham, but his only qualification was a BA in theology and psychology from a Seventh Day Adventist college at Bracknell, Berkshire.

Meeting of minds celebrates Mensa

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

MORE than a thousand members of Mensa, the club for the intellectually overendowed, meet in London today for a week-long celebration of the organisation's 50th birthday.

They will do what tourists usually do — go on trips to museums, St Paul's, the Planetarium, and a pub-crawl — as well as taking part in "golden think-ins" on subjects such as population control, world government, crime and punishment and moral behaviour.

Mensa sees the celebration as a chance to shed its "anorak and egghead" image. Tomorrow evening's lecture by Mark Hutchenreuther, "My Life as an Erotic Artist", offers the chance for even more adventurous thinking, as does a workshop for women on Thursday about dating.

Mensa has 38,000 members in Britain, 110,000 worldwide, who can boast that they are in the top 2 per cent of intelligence, as measured by IQ tests. The number of applicants is rising, says Dave Chatten, who has been running the society since the departure last year of the long-time executive director, Howard Gale.

Mr Chatten says that Mensa is "a great big social club", a meeting place for people of like ideas. "Some people get self-esteem from belonging to it," he says. "They put in on their CVs."

Neither Mr Chatten nor the psychologists can explain why, for most of Mensa's existence, scores in IQ tests have been rising. "It doesn't affect us because we simply select the top 2 per cent," he says.

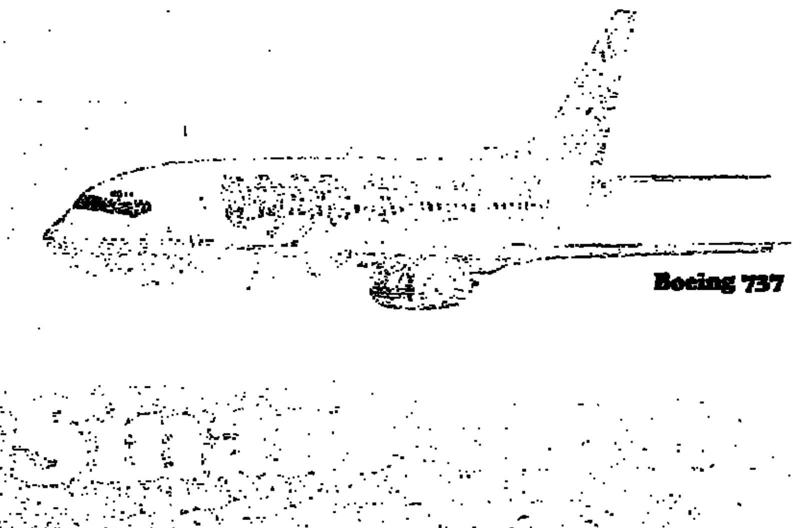
He suspects improved nutrition and education lie behind the improvement. But a study by the American Psychological Association, which looked at television as a possible cause, concluded that none of these could explain it.

Shoplifter keeps job as store guard

A MAN arrested after a shoplifting expedition was now working as a supermarket detective, a court was told yesterday.

David Sultana, 24, is highly thought of by the Cardiff supermarket which employs him as a security officer. Kate Smoker, for the defence, told Gloucester Crown Court that, although Sultana had admitted four charges of theft from shops in Gloucester and Cheltenham, he would not be losing his job.

The court was told that Sultana, his brother Louis and a third man, Adrian Knight, all of Cardiff, were stopped by police on the M5 near Gloucester. In the back of their car a case containing three pairs of Next trousers, a coat, a black leather jacket and a suede coat from C&A and items from B&Q were discovered. Recorder Nigel Seed sentenced all three men to 80 hours' community service.



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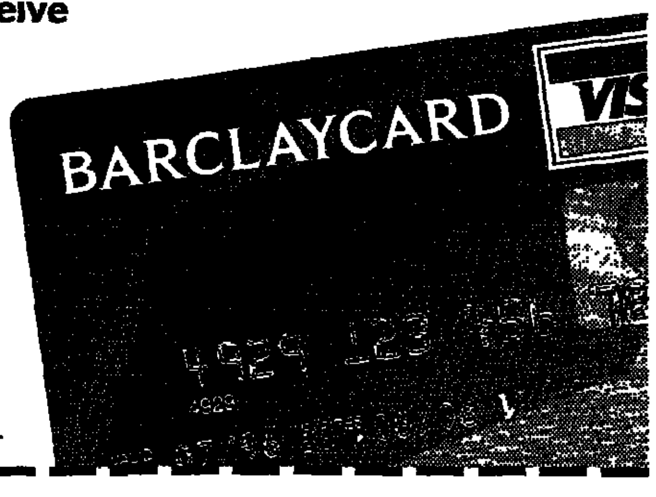

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Intelligent drink will say when you can

By Nick Nuttall

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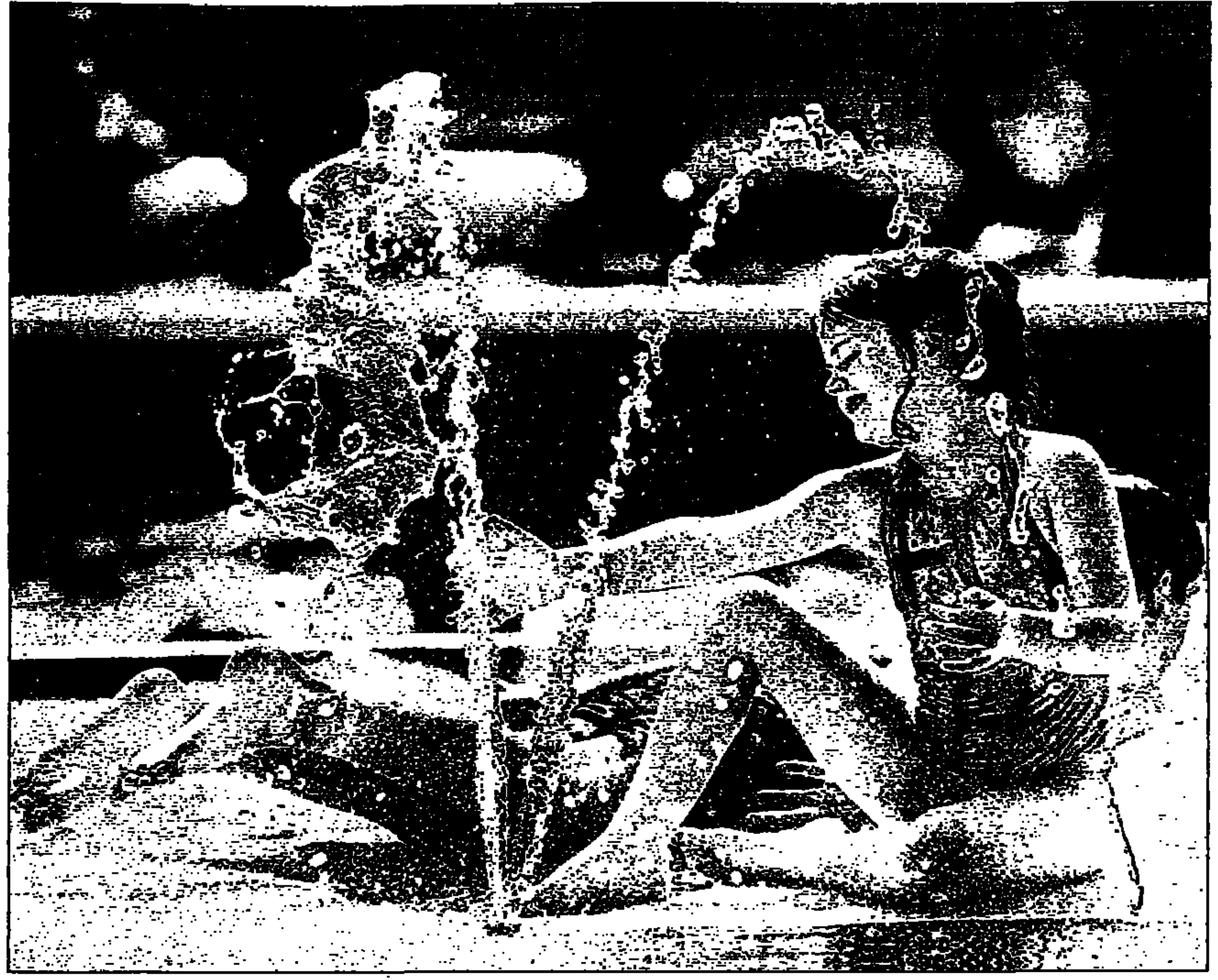
It took six months to develop at British Steel's Tinplate works at Port Talbot, South Wales. Grant McBain, a spokesman, said: "This is an intelligent can. With it, you will never have to drink a warm beer from the fridge.

Mr McBain said British Steel was confident that the idea was going to take off at the premium end of the lager and soft-drinks market. "We are expecting people like Coke to come forward. Anyone who has drunk one will tell you there is nothing worse than a warm can of cola."


TONY BARTHOLOMEW

Children found the perfect antidote to unseasonably high temperatures yesterday at the Atlantis outdoor pool in Scarborough. The bad news is that rain is likely to fall over the Bank Holiday weekend. Forecast, page 22

Satellites will keep watch on secret life of basking shark

By Shirley English

THE mysterious life of the basking shark, the world's second largest fish, is to be studied for the first time in a project launched off the west coast of Scotland yesterday.

Eight scientists are hoping to discover whether the giant creatures, which grow up to 30ft long and weigh four tons, go to sleep on the ocean floor over the winter months. The only bigger fish is the whale shark, a close relative that grows up to 60ft and prefers tropical waters.

Basking sharks, which used to be a common sight off the west of Scotland from June to October, get their name from their habit of basking on the surface with their huge jaws open, harvesting plankton.

Over the next four weeks attempts will be made to attach satellite transmitters to the dorsal fins of four of the fish. The risky manoeuvres, off Arran, in the Firth of Clyde, will be conducted from a small boat, using a pole with a barb on one end. Although the sharks do not eat human beings, their size means that a flip of the tail or a sudden dive could capsize the boat.

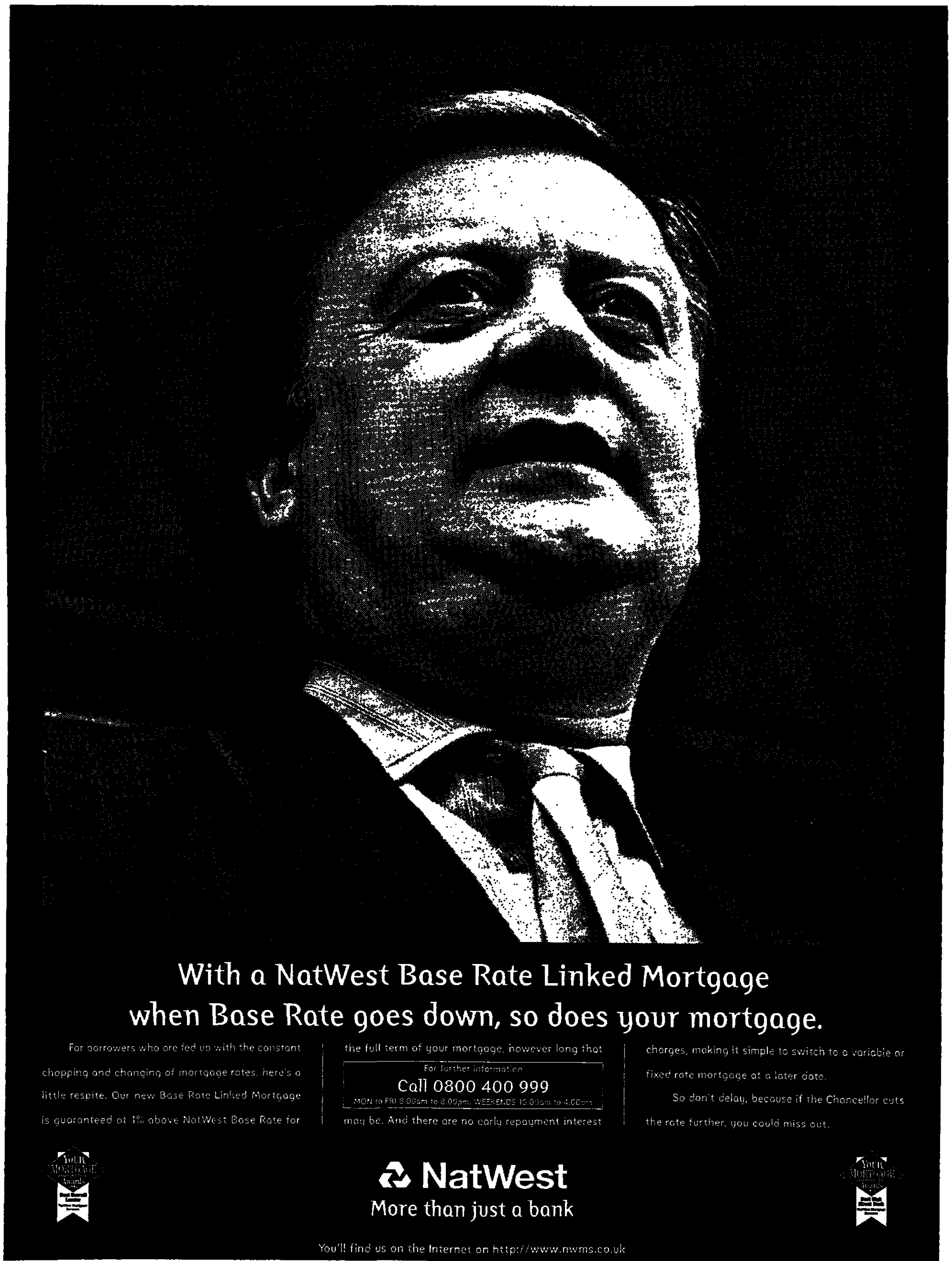
The basking shark: feeds on plankton

The number of sightings has fallen dramatically in the past 20 years, with only 16 reports this summer, mainly in the Firth of Clyde. In the 1970s it was possible to see 140 sharks in one day. Their livers, rich in oil, make them a prized prey for fishermen, particularly from Norway. If the tagging is successful, it will show whether the population is in serious decline.

The £20,000 project has been funded by Scottish Natural Heritage and will be run jointly by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and Durham University. David Wilson, the trust's west coast co-ordinator, said: "The life of the basking shark is a complete mystery. No one knows whether they travel the world, or go into a semi-hibernation over the winter. We don't even know if the European population is one species, found nowhere else."

The team will try to attach sensors and satellite transmitters to four sharks. The sensors will measure water pressure, temperature and location as the sharks move around. The information will be sent via satellite to Durham whenever the fish surface in the course of the next year.

Tagging has been attempted before. In the 1970s Aberdeen University managed to attach a transmitter to a basking shark, but it fell off after 17 days.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The rural cat's diet may bring risk to its owner

Dangers lurk in a cuddle with your cat

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

In Edward Jenner's day it was milkmaids who had their faces disfigured by cowpox: now it is cat owners. Cowpox, no longer a common disease, is transmitted by cats to humans six times more than it is spread by human contact with cattle.

At this time of year the basic diet of the ginger and white tom that patrols our cottage garden in Norfolk has changed from young birds to rodents. For free-ranging rural cats, July to October is the high season for hunting rats, mice, voles and young rabbits. Usually cats have it all their own way but occasionally the rat is able to go down fighting and bites its tormentor on the face or forelimbs before being eaten.

If the cat is carrying the virus of cowpox it may, 14 days after the initial wound, develop widespread pustular blisters, which later crust over to cause a generally scabby skin. But the incidence of cowpox in humans is also at its peak at this time of the year as the cats, having caught the virus from the rats they have played with on the lawn, spread it to their owners.

Dr Derick Baxby, senior lecturer in medical microbiology at Liverpool University, has reviewed the incidence and treatment of cowpox recently in the *Journal of Dermatology in Practice*. Also in the issue, Davies Grant, a veterinary surgeon, discusses the other skin diseases which 7.5 million cats, as well as other pets, can pass on to their keepers each year.

When Edward Jenner started his experiments in 1796 using inoculation with cowpox as a means of protection against smallpox, the sore and persistent scar which was caused by the vaccination was a minor price to pay for immunity to a lethal disease.

Now that smallpox is extinct, the sore of cowpox, which is often transmitted to the pet owner's hands or face, in particular the chin, eyelids or cheeks, is less welcome. Luckily cowpox is not common but as it is so rarely correctly diagnosed it is probably more prevalent than is supposed.

The lesion in cowpox begins as an inflamed spot which rapidly turns into a purulent, bloody blister with surrounding inflammation. The patient feels ill and may complain of a temperature and sore throat. As the blister heals a hard black scab, technically known as an eschar, forms. The primary sore has usually disappeared within eight to ten weeks but nearly always leaves a permanent scar which may require cosmetic surgery.

Occasionally the cowpox can be generalised and very severe. This is a particular danger if the patient has a weakened immune system or suffers from asthma or eczema. The sore of cowpox can be confused with herpes, but herpetic sores are paler, more shallow and heal more quickly. Unlike herpes, cowpox is not recurrent, and unlike chickenpox there is no sequel of shingles.

While cowpox is rare, cat fleas are common both in cats and dogs: more dogs harbour cat fleas than dog fleas. Humans are usually bitten on the ankles by a cat flea while walking on carpets. The vibration of their foot fall makes the fleas leap, which usually takes them to the point just above ankle-length socks. If the cat sleeps in the owner's bed any part of the anatomy can be bitten.

Cats are also host to two types of mites. Usually the cat's preoccupation with grooming means that they cause little trouble to the animal and their presence is suspected only when the owner starts to scratch.

Not all the diseases transmitted by cats are external. There are many generalised infections which can be spread by them but recent reports have emphasised a number of strains of salmonella, resistant to antibiotics, transmitted by contact with cats.

Preventing contamination of food by cats is of the utmost importance, especially at this time of the year when food poisoning epidemics are reaching their peak. Precautions taken to prevent the spread of bacterial salmonella include not stroking any resident moggie before the cat lover eats or prepares food for others.

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Long-lost Rolling Stones film for release

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

A FILM of a Rolling Stones concert, considered to be one of the long-lost emblems of the Sixties, is to have its first public screening in New York 28 years after the group decided that it should not be released.

The Rolling Stones Rock-and-Roll Circus features a host of stars of the 1960s, including a one-off performance by a "supergroup" consisting of John Lennon, Eric Clapton, Keith Richards and Jimi Hendrix's drummer, Mitch Mitchell. Shot at Wembley Stadium in December 1968, the hour-long film was never released because the Stones feared that their own six-song set at the end was overshadowed by The Who's rendition of *A Quick One, While He's Away*.

Decades later, the footage has been retrieved from a vault and edited by Michael Lindsay-Hogg, the *producer* of the Sixties TV pop show *Ready, Steady, Go*, who was the film's original director. It is to be shown on October 12 and 13 at this year's New York Film Festival. Richard Peña, chairman of the festival's selection committee, describes it as "one of the holy grails of rock filmdom".

The Rolling Stones Rock-and-Roll Circus was filmed just after the group had released *Beggar's Banquet*, still considered by many to be their finest album. Mick Jagger asked Mr Lindsay-Hogg to put together an extravagant television special.

On the guest list for the concert were many musicians now considered legendary. The then-unknown Jethro Tull got a slot at the expense of another start-up band, Led Zeppelin. Also on stage were Taj Mahal and Marianne Faithfull.

Jagger: his group had blocked public showing

Early plans for Stevie Winwood to assemble a "supergroup" for the performance had to be dropped when he fell ill. Lennon and Clapton stepped in to join Richards and Mitchell in playing the Beatles' *Yer Blues*.

Filming was beset by technical difficulties, with the result that the Rolling Stones did not perform until 2am. By then they looked washed out. When they did get on stage, the group gave their last public performance with Brian Jones.

The footage remained in the can until 1989 when Allen Klein, the band's manager at the time, reached an agreement over rights to their unreleased material. Mr Klein *will see if reaction next month* justifies wider release.

Demonstrators confront police after smashing their way into Parliament House. They chanted "Johnny, we're coming to get you" to show their anger at budget cuts

Protesters storm parliament

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MORE than 60 Australian police and demonstrators were injured yesterday when hundreds of trade unionists, students and Aborigines in*vaded Parliament House in* Canberra and looted and destroyed a gift shop.

They were protesting against the first budget of John Howard, the Prime Minister, since the conservative Liberal-National Party coalition won power from Labor in March. Mr Howard was inside the building during the trouble. Forty-nine people were arrested after the rally erupted into violence. Four officers were detained in hospital, including a policewoman who had suspected broken ribs and an officer who had acid thrown in his eyes.

Protesters, many bruised and bleeding, were dragged from the marble lobby by police who formed a 12-deep blockade across the entrance in a vain attempt to hold the front doors closed.

Some of the demonstrators *swarmed over the top of the* building, the forecourt and grass verges alongside the *main entrance. One protester* unfurled a banner on the roof.

The demonstrators had packed into a convoy of more than 100 buses, planes and trains to travel to Canberra. Rioters wielded sledgehammers and makeshift battering rams to storm the building, which afterwards resembled a battleground. The floor was littered with debris and splattered with blood.

It took the police, with many officers in riot gear, more than two hours to regain control as demonstrators ran amok shouting: "Johnny, we're coming to get you".

Much of the trouble appeared to have been caused by a breakaway group which left a main rally of nearly 15,000 people.

The official demonstration, organised by the Australian Council of Trade Unions, attracted union members from all over the country who wanted to voice their opposition to £2 billion-worth of cuts expected to be announced in today's budget.

The budget, which has been widely leaked, includes big reductions in education and aboriginal spending, as well as cuts to labour market programmes. Thousands of *government employees will* lose their jobs.

Elsewhere in the country, *unions shut down ports, coal* mines, building sites and manufacturing plants so that workers could take part in the protest. Thousands of workers also joined rallies in Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart.

An effigy of John Howard, the Prime Minister, is burnt by the crowd yesterday

In the Northern Territory city of Darwin, about 250 protesters briefly occupied the local Parliament House after a *rally*.

Last night, Mr Howard condemned the rioting and said that he would not be swayed by violence. "I want to make it very clear to those who are involved in that violence that never under any circumstances will my Government buckle to threats of physical violence or behaviour of that kind.

"What occurred here today was un-Australian; it was *ugly, it endangered the physi*cal wellbeing of men and women in the Australian Federal Police, Parliament House staff and the protective services," he added.

Union leaders tried to distance *themselves from the vio*lence, saying that those who stormed the building were "rent-a-crowd activists". However, Cheryl Kernot, the leader of the centrist Australian Democrats, blamed the Gov*ernment's funding cuts for the* security breach. "This is one of the ironies — this Government has cut back on security, on the number of attendants in this place," she said. "It is the Government's fault if they are now at risk."

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Howard avoids Princess

BY ROGER MAYNARD

JOHN HOWARD, Australia's monarchist Prime Minister, has pulled out of a charity ball after discovering that the Princess of Wales had also accepted an invitation.

Government sources said Mr Howard believed there could not be two guests of honour at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute's ball in October. He viewed the issuing of the two invitations as a serious bungle by the organisers.

Mr Howard learnt of the Princess's attendance when he was asked to approve her visit to Australia. Earlier reports suggesting that he withdrew because he did not want to offend the Queen have been discounted.

The Prime Minister refused to comment, but an aide said he dropped out because he was "not too happy" about the double booking. "He was upset about being gazumped by Diana".

Mr Howard is a committed monarchist and has opposed Australia's move towards republicanism, although he toned down his stance before this year's general election. The Princess of Wales is to officiate at the *£500-a-plate* fund-raising dinner in Sydney on October 31.

Guns may end siege at Seoul campus

BY NICHOLAS LONG
IN SEOUL AND
OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE South Korean Government issued a fresh warning to the more than 1,000 students still barricaded inside Seoul's Yonsei University buildings yesterday, ordering them to surrender or face punishment.

The country's police chief said that police could use firearms to break up violent student protests, although he did not refer specifically to the campus siege. Police helicopters continued to circle the university buildings spraying teargas, while the demonstrators retaliated with occasional stone throwing and bursts of *patriotic music* over loudspeakers. Several thousand police were still sealing off the campus last night.

The weary students, *without food* for two days, were denied visits from parents, but police allowed nurses in to treat the injured. More than 1,000 students and police were reported injured during the past week of clashes at the university, which began when police tried to disperse a rally in support of unity with North Korea which the Government had outlawed because the sponsors — the Federation of Student Councils — supports North Korean policies.

"We know [the federation] has links with the North," said one student at the barricade, who added he had never been to North Korea. "Our Government should allow us to go there so that we can form an opinion. We have many problems, with education, culture and the army, but our biggest problem is that the country is divided."

The federation favours a *process of reunification* in which the US Army would first withdraw and the South then sign peace with the North on equal terms. Not surprisingly this formula finds favour with North Korea but not with Seoul. *Even before this year's* unification rally, the scale of violence at student demonstrations was far worse than last year. Police said that in the six months to June the country had 143 protests in which *firebombs were used, up from* 21 in the corresponding period last year.

Clinton uses fiftieth birthday to defend wife against attacks

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON used his 50th birthday yesterday to leap to the defence of his wife *after new* Republican attacks.

The latest rebuke by Mr Clinton came as a federal judge in Arkansas ordered that sentencing be postponed until November in the case of James McDougal, the Clin*tons' Whitewater partner*.

Responding in a television interview to Republican allegations about White House ethical misconduct, Mr Clinton accused his opponents of practising "the politics of destruction". *He promised that* next week's Democratic convention in Chicago would be free of personal attacks.

The President, interviewed in the Oval Office by Dan Rather of CBS News, said he did not believe *the Republi*cans could damage his own character, then launched a stalwart defence of the First Lady, most recently accused of covering up her role in the 1993 firing of White House travel office staff.

In a reference to comments by George Bush, the former President, that his own wife had "upheld the honour of the White House, and she did it with class, and style, and caring and love", Mr Clinton said: "Well, I believe that everyone who knows my wife believes she has class, style, caring and love."

Although a "controversial character", the First Lady had never been the subject of any such criticism before "she became my partner on this great endeavour. If you asked me what I was most grateful for at the age of 50, it would *not be being President. I* would be grateful for the years I've had with Hillary and the years I've had with Chelsea."

After a star-studded birth*day celebration at Radio City* Music Hall in New York on Sunday night, raising more than $10 million (£6.4 million) for the Democratic Party, Mr Clinton flew yesterday to Tennessee to rededicate a burnt-*down black church*.

In a further sign of how the White House hopes to win the critical women's vote in November, Tipper Gore, the Vice-President's wife, and Mrs Clinton will have prominent *speaking roles in Chicago*, together with Sarah Brady, the foremost proponent of handgun control. Alma Brown, whose husband, Ron, the Commerce Secretary, was killed in a Croatia plane crash, *will be chairman*.

Perot gets federal funding

BY TOM RHODES

ROSS PEROT, the billionaire Texas businessman who again threatens to divide the Republican vote, surprised supporters yesterday by announcing that he would accept federal funding in his latest bid for the White House.

The man who captured 19 per cent of the vote as an independent in 1992 was officially named presidential candidate for *the Reform Party on Sunday. He financed* his own campaign four years ago, spending $60 million (£38 million) from his vast fortune.

The Texan is eligible to *accept $29.2 million in federal* funds, limiting his own spending to $50,000. He is entitled to raise a further $32 million in contributions to reach the $62 million that Mr Clinton and Mr Dole will receive in *matching funds*.

Senator John McCain, a leading light in the Dole campaign, said: "Eighty to ninety per cent of his votes will come from Republican ranks. It hurts us."

☐ **Los Angeles:** Ralph Nader, the pioneering consumer rights activist, formally accepted the Green Party's presidential nomination yesterday. His candidature could erode support for President Clinton *in California*.

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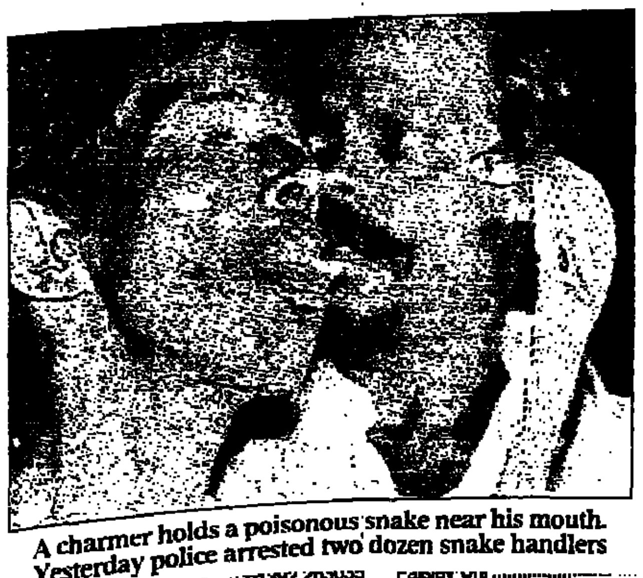
Snakes rescued in Indian police swoop



A charmer holds a poisonous snake near his mouth. Yesterday police arrested two dozen snake handlers

Delhi: Tipped off by animal rights activists, Indian authorities arrested two dozen snake charmers before the start of a Hindu festival celebrating serpents, the Uni*ted News of India news* agency said yesterday.

The agency said wildlife officials swooped on the charmers and seized nearly 100 snakes as they were preparing for the Nag Panchami festival in the central city of Nagpur.

The charmers were charged by police under the Wildlife Protection Act and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the agency added. The police were tipped off by a local section of the Society for *Prevention of Cruelty to* Animals.

Hindus regard snakes as symbols of divinity and do not feed them after they are captured but offer them milk, *which herpetologists* claim they do not drink.

Often, the snake charmer repeatedly dunks the reptile's head in a pail of milk, drowning it, a practice which wildlife wardens are trying to stamp out.

The festival of Nag Panchami attracts snake charmers from different parts of India and gives them a chance to display their snake-catching *and handling* abilities without removing a snake's poison. *(Reuter/AP)*

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Hard Left threatens Prodi with autumn of discontent over state sell-offs

Prodi: new row makes him look vulnerable

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

AS ITALIANS begin the long trek home this week after the mid-August Ferragosto break, the Hard Left has threatened to bring down the Government over public sector wage claims, reform of the welfare state and the planned privatisation of the telecommunications and energy sectors.

Fausto Bertinotti, leader of Rifondazione Comunista, on whose 35 Hard Left MPs Romano Prodi depends in parliament, said that the Government had only "a 50 per cent chance" of surviving an "autumn of discontent". Any attempt to bypass the Hard Left over privatisation of the state-run telecommunications company Stet would cause an immediate crisis, he said.

The centre-left Prodi Government took office in May vowing to end the cycle of Italian "revolving-door governments" and to serve a full five years. But it is suddenly looking vulnerable. Not only has the ambiguity of its parliamentary dependence on the Hard Left been exposed, it also faces a challenge from the separatist Northern League, whose fiery and unpredictable leader, Umberto Bossi, has promised to hold a march along the valley of the Po next month to define the borders of the new state of "Padania". Signor's Bossi language has become increasingly militant, not to say bizarre, leading his disenchanted deputy, Irene Pivetti — the former Speaker — to accuse him of becoming "mentally unbalanced".

She favours autonomy but not separatism, she said. But yesterday Signor Bossi insisted that the setting up of a north Italian state would begin with a tax revolt against Rome by his followers. He also threatened to burn down the transmitters of RAI, the state broadcasting company, seen as a symbol of national unity.

Signor Bertinotti said in an interview with *Corriere della Sera* that the Hard Left understood the importance of helping Professor Prodi to stop the North seceding. But Rifondazione had been dismayed by hints at the weekend from Walter Veltroni, the young ex-Communist Deputy Prime Minister, that the Government might do a deal with the centre-right opposition to push privatisation legislation through. "I wonder if Walter understands the seriousness of what he is saying," Signor Bertinotti said. "If the coalition changes, that will be the end of the Prodi Government".

The "Olive Tree" coalition, composed of both centrists and former Communists in the Party of the Democratic Left, has until now enjoyed the traditional 100-day honeymoon, with Rifondazione Comunista soft pedalling its demands. But the new row strikes at the heart of Professor Prodi's efforts to bring Italy's economy more closely into line with the Maastricht criteria for a single currency by reducing the budget deficit through public spending cuts, lowering inflation to 3 per cent and privatising the telecommunication and energy sectors.

Italy is desperate to qualify for monetary union by 1999 and Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the former Prime Minister and central banker who holds the combined Treasury and Budget portfolio as an economic "overlord", said his priority was to bring the lira back into the European monetary system as soon as possible.

Professor Prodi said that the EU had to be flexible in applying single currency criteria, adding: "The evaluation is still done by human beings, thank God, not by computer." On the other hand, belt tightening, coupled with high unemployment (12 per cent, much of it in the Mezzogiorno) and a slowdown in exports because of a stronger lira, could bring industrial discontent of the kind that France and Germany are experiencing, but which Italy has so far avoided.

French celebrities support Africans' Paris church sit-in

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

HUNDREDS of protesters, including media celebrities, clerics and politicians, set up a human shield yesterday around a Paris church where ten African immigrants began the 46th day of a hunger strike under the threat of imminent expulsion.

The Government has rejected the group's demands for residence papers and as rumours that the police were about to eject the Africans by force spread through Paris over the weekend, hundreds of supporters flocked to the Saint Bernard Church in the heavily immigrant Goutte d'Or district.

The hunger-strikers, mostly Malian men in their 20s and early 30s, are part of group of 300 immigrant Africans who have occupied the church since June 28. Many of the protesters have lived in France for years, according to their supporters, but now face expulsion under tough immigration laws passed in 1993. At the weekend one of the African protesters gave birth, the sixth in the group since the occupation began.

Their demonstration has become the summer's left-wing *cause célèbre* and many veterans from the 1968 student demonstrations were mingling yesterday with younger protesters in the crowd waiting outside the church for the expected eviction. Posters have been displayed throughout the area calling on local residents to join the human shield if the church bells sound a warning that riot police are on the way.

Emanuelle Béart, the actress, has spent three nights sleeping alongside the hunger strikers in the church and being photographed outside. "I am ashamed of my country," she said. Léon Schwartzenberg, a renowned cancer expert, chained himself to one of the hunger strikers on Sunday when the alarm was falsely raised. Danielle Mitterrand, the widow of the former President, has voiced her support for the group and on Sunday Jacques Attali, François Mitterrand's former adviser, also joined the demonstrators.

Several other notables, including Jacques Derrida, the philospher, have offered to house the immigrants, while Jacques Gaillot, the outspoken former Bishop of Evreux ousted by the Vatican for his liberal views, broke off a retreat in a Trappist monastery to back the hunger-strikers, some of whom are dangerously weak, according to volunteer doctors.

Unions at Air France, the state-owned airline, called on pilots and the company chairman not to fly the Africans out of the country if they were expelled.

The demonstration has quickly established its own ritual, with copious coffee, regular bulletins from Abubakar Diop, the protesters' spokesman, and chants of "Français! Immigrés! Solidarité!" (French people! Immigrants! Solidarity!).

The hunger-strikers have called on President Chirac to intervene and the Socialist Party said the Government should reopen negotiations. But last week the Government insisted that it would no longer tolerate the protest and Eric Raoult, the Minister for Integration, said: "The law must be applied."

Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, and Alain Juppé, the Prime Minsiter, said that relaxing the laws for the Saint Bernard hunger-strikers would unleash a fresh flood of illegal immigration.

"The stakes are high because beyond these few hundred people are thousands of other illegal immigrants," M Juppé said, while M Debré said that "yielding to blackmail would be a cowardly and tragic decision".

There are estimated to be more than a million illegal immigrants in France, as well as about four million legal foreign residents.

The protest has evolved into a test case of the Government's determination to crack down on illegal immigration, but with the far-Right National Front demanding swift and stringent action and the Left calling for leniency, the Government faces an acute public relations dilemma.

An immigrant and her child yesterday at the church in Paris where six babies have been born during the sit-in

Harry Bacmann works on a clay hoof of *Il Cavallo* at a foundry in Beacon, New York. The finished bronze will be coated in golf leaf

Art lovers create Leonardo's unfinished charger

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

A GROUP of art lovers in America is working to complete Leonardo da Vinci's most famous unfinished commission, a colossal horse that would have been one of the masterpieces of the Renaissance.

Leonardo worked for 16 years to design and build the 24ft-high horse — which would have been the largest equestrian statue of its time — after receiving a commission from his Milanese patron, Duke Lodovico Sforza, in 1482. The artist got as far as making a full-scale earthen model of the sculpture, which was to have been cast in bronze. Fearing war with France, however, the duke stopped the project and used the metal to make cannon.

In 1499 his castle was occupied by French forces and the soldiers destroyed the model by using it for archery practice. According to legend, Leonardo wept on his deathbed about the loss.

Five centuries later, a new effort is under way to complete the giant steed known as *Il Cavallo* — the dream of Charles Dent, a retired American airline pilot and art lover. Dent read about *Il Cavallo* in a 1977 article in *National Geographic* magazine headlined "The horse that never was". He slammed down the magazine and said: "Let's give Leonardo his horse".

For the rest of his life, Dent went about collecting all the information he could about the project, drawing particularly on a set of sketches found in Leonardo's notebooks in Spain's Biblioteca Nacional. Dent died on Christmas Day 1994, before the project came to fruition. But his friends promised to fulfil his ambition of sending the finished statue back to Milan as a gift to the Italian people.

A full-scale model of the horse in plaster and clay is now complete and will soon be cast. Talks have been held with officials in Milan about a permanent home for *Il Cavallo*. It will be covered in gold leaf when eventually it finds a place.

Roger Enloe, Dent's brother-in-law, compared the planned gift to France's donation of the Statue of Liberty to America.

Spain besieged by wave of illegal immigrants

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

SPAIN, only 12 miles from impoverished Morocco at the Strait of Gibraltar's narrowest stretch, is reeling from an unprecedented wave of North African "wetbacks".

The term, first coined for Mexicans who crossed illegally into Texas by traversing the Rio Grande, is now used to describe Moroccans who attempt to cross the strait to Spain in flimsy plywood boats. Yesterday the Spanish coast guard detained 46 illegal North African immigrants, including one heavily pregnant woman, near the port of Algeciras, bringing the total apprehended along Spain's southern coast in the past week to more than 300.

Interior Ministry sources reveal that nearly 2,000 North Africans have been detained while trying to cross the strait since January, two-thirds of them since June. Overwhelmed, the maritime service of the Spanish Civil Guard has appealed to Madrid for help. "We simply cannot cope with the inadequate resources we have at present," a patrol boat captain said yesterday. Speaking at the weekend, after more than a hundred Moroccans had been detained off the port of Tarifa, Isalas Pèrez, councillor for Social Affairs in the regional government, said: "Andalusia cannot be the sole watchdog against illegal immigration into Europe from the Maghreb. We cannot, only with defensive measures, be the guardians of the West. This wave of immigrants will not stop until the EU takes steps to improve the economic situation in the countries from which they come."

> ❛ Andalusia cannot be the sole watchdog against illegal immigration in Europe ❜

Spanish authorities blame immigration gangs in Morocco for the recent surge in attempted crossings, accusing them of "twisting facts to swindle desperate people".

Madrid has announced that this Friday will be the cut-off date for foreigners already in the country with limited work-permits to apply for residence permits. Those running illegal immigration rackets across the strait have distorted the details, telling would-be immigrants that anyone living in Spain before the cut-off date — irrespective of the length of their stay — would be entitled to residence rights.

Some Moroccans paid up to £650 to gangs in Tangier for their clandestine night-time crossing, a sum which is a third of the country's annual per capita income. For the majority it is money ill-spent: nine out of every ten people attempting the crossing are detained and repatriated to Morocco. Several others perish at sea.

Officially, only 65,000 Moroccans live in Spain, although an equal number are believed to be working in the country illegally.

Coup plot date just slips by

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL
IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW marked the fifth anniversary of the failed coup that triggered the collapse of the Soviet Union with apathy and indifference yesterday.

Just 25 "White House defenders", from among those who stood for three days at barricades facing the tanks of the coup plotters, gathered in pleasant sunshine for a photo session outside the former parliament building that was the hub of resistance to the attempted coup. One man played an accordion, another brandished a huge white-blue-and-red Russian tricolour.

"I'm happy that five years have passed and what we achieved has stayed in place," said Nikolai Rogozin, a pensioner. "The presidential elections proved that the Communists could not turn the clock back."

No state money has been allocated to organisers of a series of small demonstrations and concerts to mark the anniversary. It is a stark contrast to the grand celebrations that marked the collapse of the coup in August 1991. President Yeltsin, who memorably climbed on to a tank to denounce the putsch, made no public comment yesterday and was said to be "working on documents" in his country residence outside Moscow.

The President's new press secretary, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, denied reports in *Time* magazine that Mr Yeltsin is going to have a heart operation abroad and said he was having a "routine medical inspection" before going on holiday.

Magnificent seven airmen return to hero's welcome

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

SEVEN Russian airmen returned home to a hero's welcome in their native Tartarstan yesterday after their daring weekend escape from their Muslim captors in Afghanistan.

The nation, badly in need of good news after the conflict in Chechenia and President Yeltsin's deteriorating health, was gripped by the men's dramatic return.

"There is no greater happiness than being home," said Captain Vladimir Sharpatov, the pilot of the Ilyushin-76 that was intercepted more than a year ago by the rebel Taleban forces in Afghanistan. They were held hostage in the southern city of Kandahar. Kazinur Khairullin, the co-pilot, captured the mood of the nation when he said: "The Taleban wanted to humiliate Russia by capturing and holding us. But they failed."

Mintier Shamiyev, the President of Tartarstan, an autonomous republic in Russia, hosted a welcome-home party attended by relations and well-wishers and thanked the men for their "heroic deed, endurance and the character they showed". The crew will be guests of honour next week at the Kremlin when President Yeltsin is due to present bravery medals.

The Russians, who were flying munitions from Albania to the Afghan Government in Kabul when their cargo plane was intecepted by Taleban jets 12 months ago, made their escape on Friday. Under the pretence of servicing the aircraft, they started the engines, taking off seconds before cars tried to block the runway.

The aircraft flew at treetop level before reaching the safety of Iranian air space. It touched down at Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

"I can still see the two cars trying to block the runway," Captain Sharpatov said. "When we landed in Sharjah, my hands were shaking. But we did it! We did it!"

Captain Vladimir Sharpatov, far right, who masterminded the dramatic escape from the Taleban in Afghanistan, with his crew on their return to Moscow

Serbian arms are destroyed

FROM STACY SULLIVAN
IN SARAJEVO

THE Nato peace force in Bosnia yesterday began blowing up a 300-tonne cache of Bosnian Serb munitions as part of "Operation Volcano" despite threats that Nato soldiers would be attacked.

By mid-afternoon about 30 tonnes of explosives, mostly mines, had been destroyed in a site 3ft below ground. It is expected that the whole task will take nearly all week.

Nearly 2,000 Nato troops clogged the road leading to the site, in the village of Margetici about 20 miles east of Sarajevo, to provide protection. Nato helicopters hovered overhead to keep bystanders clear.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, the British commander of Nato ground troops in Bosnia, decided to destroy the cache after a routine patrol found it in a school two weeks ago. Under the Dayton Peace Accord all weapons and ammunition storage areas were to have been declared and submitted for Nato inspection months ago.

At the weekend a Bosnian Serb television broadcast announced: "This open threat of using force by the [Nato] command ... represents a dangerous provocation." At the same time, threatening leaflets in English were distributed to Nato troops near the sites. Nato soldiers were put on high alert.

☐ **Belgrade:** A Malta-bound Russian Ilyushin-76 transport plane crashed yesterday near Belgrade airport in Yugoslavia, killing all 12 people on board, after turning back and attempting an emergency landing. *(Reuter)*

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Goose cull grounded by flares

Christchurch: A planned mid-air mass killing of thousands of Canada geese in New Zealand had to be called off yesterday when protesters began firing flares. A local conservation group was going to use shooters in helicopters to kill 3,500 geese at Ellesmere, south of here, in an attempt to control their population. But Brian Webb, the North Canterbury Fish and Game Council manager, said protesters began using flares.

He said only 300 geese had been killed when the protesters fired flares from boats and became a safety risk. The culling was then called off. He said there would be no more shooting until next year.

Last year's cull of 3,000 birds on the lake was described as barbaric by local protesters. The council wanted the Canada geese cull to meet a statutory obligation to reduce the population to 6,500 by 1998. *(AFP)*

Harpoons land runaway drivers

Helsinki: Police in Finland plan to start using a harpoon-like device to catch runaway drivers, according to Finnish television, which showed a patrol car with a harpoon gun fixed on its front bumper being demonstrated in the northern city of Oulu. Chasing a runaway vehicle, the patrol car draws near and the tubular steel harpoon pierces the boot of the fleeing car.

Hydraulically operated barbs are released, keeping the harpoon in place. The runaway driver is then forced to stop as the patrol car brakes. A radio transmitter in the harpoon allows police to keep track of the vehicle should the shaft break. The device also gives police the option to spray teargas from the patrol car into the runaway vehicle if an armed driver tries to lock himself inside. Senior police and government experts are to see the device being tested. *(Reuter)*

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Apprenticed at 11, Asaji spent 80 years entertaining the elite of Tokyo's business and political worlds

A young geisha, skilled in music, dancing and story-telling

Last of Japan's great geishas dies at 102

By Joanna Pitman

SCARLET mouth composed, face starkly whitened, body sheathed in a lilac kimono with a great hanging butterfly sash and her head adorned by a high wig holding lacquered combs and flowers, she presented herself as a magnificently cocooned work of art, almost too stately to be entirely human.

That is the memory left by Tsutakiyokomatsu Asaji, Japan's oldest authentic geisha, who died on Sunday, aged 102. She had spent more than 80 years entertaining the elite of Japan's political and business worlds.

Asaji was one of the last of the real geishas, those much misunderstood symbols of Japan whose artistic and aesthetic accomplishments are found in their dancing, singing, story-telling and *shamisen* (a guitar-like instrument) playing, but never, ever in their beds. Asaji began her elaborate apprenticeship in 1905, aged 11, when she entered a closed world of feminine accomplishments and feminine hierarchies. By the age of 16 she was performing for Japan's wealthiest and most powerful men, later to include Hideki Tojo, the wartime Prime Minister, and Soichiro Honda, founder of the car company. These performances took place in traditional tea houses, a part of the highest echelons of the "floating world" or pleasure quarters, a world of artistic salons where people heaved eloquent sighs about the fleetingness of life but nobly suppressed their feelings, bowing instead to aesthetic ritual and social ceremony.

Today *geisha asobi* (literally "playing with geisha") has become a very expensive hobby for the small number who can afford it. Few ordinary Japanese men have ever seen the inside of a traditional tea house, and those businessmen who have tend to use them as discreet places in which to divide the spoils of the "economic miracle". The dwindling numbers of young geishas who have been trained in the traditional arts of music-making and dancing tend to be greeted with blank stares, as if an elaborate Elizabethan costume play were being performed before a football crowd.

But Asaji in her prime, the Greta Garbo of her world, gathered discerning audiences and became one of Japan's most celebrated living works of art. At the age of 95, she won a national prize for her music-making and was awarded an Imperial Medal, Yellow Ribbon, for her contributions to the arts world.

At 100 she appeared in a fashion show, strolling down the catwalk with unimaginable grace, and published her autobiography. Asaji worked until April this year in a discreet geisha district in Tokyo; she may have been one of the last, but she leaves behind a powerful reminder of Japan's traditional sense of beauty.

Tsutakiyokomatsu Asaji practising the *shamisen* at her home

More die as Kurds clash in safe haven

By Michael Theodoulou

HEAVY fighting has broken out between the two main Kurdish factions in the Western-protected enclave in northern Iraq, causing many casualties and threatening to bury a ceasefire brokered by the United States a year ago.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) blamed each other for the clashes, in remote mountains near the northeastern town of Rawanduz, close to the Iranian border.

At the heart of the dispute is a struggle for power, money and territory. It has been exacerbated by the intense rivalry between Massoud Barzani, the KDP leader, and his PUK counterpart, Jalal Talabani. Last September's ceasefire was preceded by more than a year of fratricidal fighting which claimed nearly 3,000 lives.

Outside powers keen to weaken any sign of Kurdish autonomy have been quick to exploit the rivalry. The PUK accused the KDP yesterday of colluding with the forces of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. The KDP accused its rival of using heavy weapons supplied by Iran. Each denied the allegations.

A major point of friction has been disagreement over revenue levied from tankers carrying contraband refined petroleum from northern Iraq to Turkey. The trade passes through territory controlled by the KDP, which has ensured that the PUK sees none of the money.

The KDP's major grievance is that the PUK has seized control of the city of Arbil, seat of the now defunct Kurdish parliament in which the two factions had evenly shared power after elections in 1992. Since the Gulf War, the area has been protected by allied air cover, but inter-Kurdish fighting has left a power vacuum and Iranian influence now pervades the region.

Barzani: intense rivalry has killed thousands

WORLD SUMMARY

Early poll hint for Greece

Athens: Costas Simitis, the Greek Prime Minister, intends to hold elections in October, a year ahead of schedule, to exploit his popularity and press ahead with economic reforms, sources close to him said yesterday (John Carr writes).

Emerging from a meeting with President Stephanopoulos, Mr Simitis evaded reporters' questions on his electoral plans. The President's agreement would have to be obtained for early elections. But Dimitris Reppas, Press Minister, said revealingly that Mr Simitis's previous pledge to serve out the rest of his Government's term had been issued "at a time when circumstances were not what they are today".

Lebanon voting routs opposition

Beirut: Government supporters routed the opposition in the first round of Lebanon's parliamentary elections, winning 32 out of 35 seats in the Mount Lebanon region. The results in the Christian heartland were a crushing blow for the opposition, which hoped for a strong showing against the pro-Syrian Government it accuses of failing to defend Lebanon's sovereignty. Parliamentary elections continue in different districts on the next four Sundays. *(Reuter)*

Algeria gunmen kill 63 on buses

Cairo: Muslim guerrillas disguised as police murdered 63 passengers in two buses stopped at a roadblock in Algeria, the Arabic newspaper *al-Hayat* said. About 100 gunmen stopped the buses on the road between the provinces of Msila and Batna, southeast of Algiers. Witnesses were reported as saying that they killed all those holding Batna identity papers. *(Reuter)*

Filipino leaders say war is ended

Malabang: President Ramos of the Philippines and Nur Misuari, the Muslim chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front, embraced in a muddy schoolyard here, 530 miles south of Manila, and declared that a war that has killed 120,000 Filipinos was over. The meeting was watched by 500 cheering schoolchildren. *(Reuter)*

Cash for poison pupils

Tokyo: More cases of food poisoning were confirmed in Japan yesterday as compensation was announced for 436 victims, mostly pupils, in the central city of Gifu.

The O157 strain of the bacterium *Escherichia coli*, which has left ten people dead and more than 9,400 people ill, has now been found in a noodle factory in Ehime, southwestern Japan, and in the entrails of beef cows served at a barbecue house in Akashi, near Kobe.

Meanwhile, Gifu's municipal government has said it will pay a total of 42 million yen (about £250,000) to the 436 victims who came into contact with the bacteria through school lunches. Most of the food-poisoning cases have been concentrated in Sakai, a port city south of Osaka, where thousands of schoolchildren have been struck down since mid-July. Sakai's municipal government is also considering compensating victims. *(AFP)*

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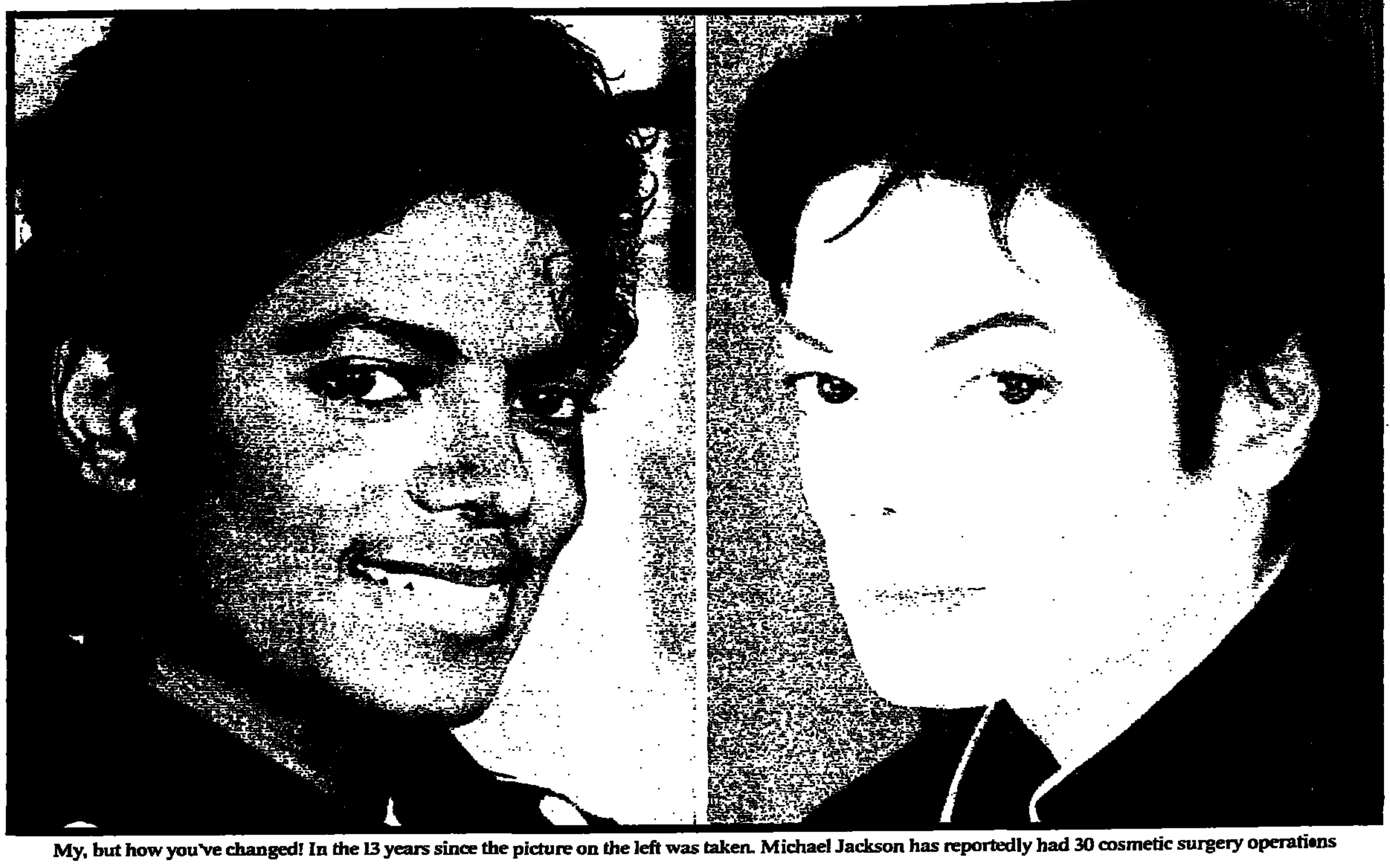
You're only as ugly as you feel

Why do perfectly normal people believe they are the spitting image of the Elephant Man? Joe Joseph investigates the disturbing modern syndrome of 'imagined ugliness'

Pictures: RON GALELLA (left), AP (right)



My, but how you've changed! In the 13 years since the picture on the left was taken. Michael Jackson has reportedly had 30 cosmetic surgery operations

In more carefree days, even good-looking men or women could visit their physician and say, "Doc, what's the quickest way to get rid of 10lb of ugly fat?" and he could reply, "Why not just chop your head off", and then they'd guffaw helplessly all the way back to their copy of the Les Dawson jokebook.

Nowadays, many men and women who suffer from something called "imagined ugliness syndrome" might actually go searching for a guillotine.

You didn't believe such a thing could exist, but then you didn't believe Nasa would find a way to wangle more funds for space research, especially after seeing those expensive but indecipherable pictures from the Hubble telescope.

We have all come across examples of delusory "imagined handsomeness syndrome" (the witch in *Snow White*, Demi Moore, Robert Kilroy-Silk) and even "imagined funniness syndrome" (Bob Monkhouse, Fergie, MPs), but imagined ugliness is, to most of us, a novel concept.

Demi Moore: her own greatest fan

We are not talking about people who daydream about looking like Cathérine Deneuve and then get on with their grocery shopping. We're talking about people to whom "Why was he born so beautiful, why was he born at all?" is not an ironic rugby song refrain but an existential dilemma.

Where did this dramatic new anxiety spring from?

A survey just published by the Royal College of Psychiatrists tells us that thousands of people are sufferers of "imagined ugliness". Men have faces, but women *are* their faces, Susan Sontag once said, which may be why most sufferers seem to be women. The number is swelling as advertisements and magazines offer computer-enhanced stereotypes that you could compete with only if you were Emmanuelle Béart or a narcissist with a fancier imagination than Walter Mitty.

Victims of the disorder become obsessed with teeny, often imagined defects: faint wrinkles, a large nose, or a small bald patch — nothing is too minor to be magnified in the victim's mind into a major physical curse. The effects can be so serious that the sufferer becomes depressed, or even suicidal.

The most famous sufferer of imagined ugliness, according to David Veale, consultant psychiatrist at London's Royal Free Hospital, is probably Michael Jackson, the chalky pop star who seems to be metamorphosing into Diana Ross.

"Michael Jackson seems to be a clear case," Dr Veale told a conference of psychiatrists in London recently. "He has had more than 30 cosmetic surgery operations, his nose is reported to be crumbling, and his ex-wife Lisa Presley has said that he would never take off his make-up, even in bed."

Now Dr Veale has begun wondering if imagined ugliness syndrome might be endemic in the skin-deep world of showbusiness, where stars seem continually to be changing their appearances with cosmetic surgery.

Cher is famous for cutting slices out of her body as frequently as the rest of us cut slices out of our birthday cakes. And Pamela Anderson is one of many Californian blondes who are so worried about drowning in the Pacific that they have had a pair of personal flotation tanks implanted into their breasts.

Now, even if you happen to believe that we *should* think twice about how we present ourselves to the world, are you sure that the right people are doing the worrying? And are they worrying about the right things?

Our anxieties have turned topsy-turvy. How topsy-turvy? A survey in America found that more women are scared of getting fat than of getting cancer. If you think it is sad that grown human beings, who have enough intelligence to make their own breakfast, would rather get cancer than look a tad too plump for their bikini, it is even sadder that imagined ugliness is measured solely on physical attributes: the way people look often plays only a small part in how we gauge their ugliness. Their habits and possessions can be more pivotal.

Someone in Harold Pinter's play *Party Time* asks: "Is it silly to say I feel proud? I mean to be part of the society of beautifully dressed people. God, I don't know — elegance, style, grace, tâste. Don't these words, these concepts, mean anything any more? I'm not alone, am I, in thinking them incredibly important?" No, darling, you're not alone. It's not quite the message Pinter was trying to get across, but these things often *are* incredibly important.

Think of it as style over substance. Just look at how Diana Vreeland, the former Editor of American *Vogue*, was lauded as the epitome of style and also managed to turn her gnomic pronouncements ("pink is the navy blue of India") into the fashion world's Ten Commandments — even though her face bore more resemblance to Arthur Askey's than to Marilyn Monroe's. The Duchess of Windsor was thought a style guru even though you could have dug a trench with her chin.

We and the sufferers of "imagined ugliness syndrome" clearly measure attractiveness with different slide-rules. As far as we're concerned, a Roman nose can be quite arresting. A bad-hair day can be fixed with a decent shampoo, or a roomy hat. Quasimodo was just another lovestruck romantic underneath that hideously swollen back. Listen, Venus de Milo hasn't even got any arms, for Pete's sake.

At least the sufferers of imagined ugliness have Dr Veale working on their case. Who is committed to curing all the other victims of self-delusion?

The people we feel increasingly sorry for are the ones in Lamborghinis who assume that passers-by are mouthing the word "Wow!", when what we're actually mouthing is "Wally!" Lamborghini drivers are afflicted with "imagined stylishness" syndrome.

The people who attract our derision are not the ones who stare into every mirror in search of fresh blemishes, but the mirror-obsessed "imagined attractiveness" sufferers who feel a warm glow inside each time they glimpse their own reflection: who are rich enough to afford Armani, but not smart enough to realise they've been sold the wrong size; who enter Miss World competitions not because they want the world to realise they're egocentric 19-year-olds who like to go swimming in stilettos, but because they want the world to realise they're really Mother Teresa; people who hear Carly Simon singing, "You're so vain, you probably think this song is about you", and *do*. Even though they've never met her.

These people are in just as much need of a kindly doctor's help. Sufferers of "imaginary attractiveness syndrome", we salute you! Provided, that is, you haven't already saluted yourself.

Why would anyone want to tell all to Anthony Clare? **Grace Bradberry** finds out

In the chair and off guard

On the face of it, *In the Psychiatrist's Chair* is a programme perfectly pitched for an age hooked on therapy. It purports to give us an expert's view of the psyche of famous people. And, still more enjoyably, it provides a vicarious taste of what it might be like to enjoy the one-to-one attentions of an eminent psychiatrist.

For many people Anthony Clare, the presenter, is as fascinating as those he meets. What we would say during our half-hour in his chair, and what observations he might make about us, has become a national daydream to rival choosing one's desert island discs.

But is the impression of therapeutic confidentiality anything more than a broadcasting scam? What is it actually like to sit in the professor's famous chair? And do his "victims" feel cleansed or cauterised by his sharp insights?

On closer inspection, the most curious thing about the series is that it is chaired by a psychiatrist who is suspicious of long-term psychotherapy and who does not believe in "offloading", while many of his guests take a similar view.

"I have never been involved with any form of therapy and I don't believe in introspection," says Sir Ranulph Fiennes, the Arctic explorer. Martin Bell, the BBC war reporter whose prickly performance was a star turn of the current series, is just as blunt: "I have a strong feeling that people should sort themselves out. If you became too dependent on this kind of quackery, and someone took the crutch away you'd walk with a limp for the rest of your life." Even Claire Rayner, best known as an agony aunt, is dismissive. "I don't need purging. I'm not a *Diana. High-class irrigation* is not my bag."

Nevertheless, since 1982, more than 100 people have entered the basement studio at Broadcasting House, having received a letter from the producer Michael Ember. They don't all accept for the same reason. "There's a huge element of flattery to being asked," says Claire Rayner. "It's a Radio 4 flagship programme." But as she ruefully admits, she became "the flag on the flagship" when she broke down in tears describing the emotional abuse she suffered from her parents as a child.

Alice Thomas Ellis, Nicholas Mosley and Martin Bell all had books to promote, while Carla Lane was promised that she would be able to "get her message over" about live exports. *Even so, she had reservations.* "I'd only heard the programme once before, but all you could hear was I, I, I. It seemed really self-indulgent. So initially I was going to refuse, but my sister told me that it was fabulous and I must go on."

Potential interviewees are offered a choice of three dates, and most of the programmes are recorded in the evening. "It was the most uneventful night," says Ms Lane. "Anthony Claire was half an hour late. Then I was shown into a small, dull grey room with fluorescent light that had been subdued. We sat in this ordinary office, with a table so ordinary that I can't remember it well enough to give a description."

Very little socialising takes place. Martin Bell chatted to Professor Clare for ten minutes before the programme and ten minutes afterwards. The only hint at informality was a bottle of chilled white wine placed in the middle of the table. Bell, determined to remain on his guard, did not partake. As Nicholas Mosley remarks: "It was all rather quick and professional."

SCOPE FEATURES

Agony aunt Claire Rayner broke down in tears on the show

In part, this may be intended to mirror the experience of visiting a psychiatrist. (Though Clare has gradually abandoned any pretence of psychiatric impersonality during the interviews.) More likely it is simply a reflection of his and his guests' busy schedules.

But however dull the room, or great the guest's scepticism, there is no doubt that Clare elicits genuine revelations. If he fails, it is usually because the guests are particularly well equipped to stonewall. "There were no revelations. I was delighted," says Sir Ranulph Fiennes. "He ended up saying to me with a smile on his face that it was rather like stirring a void with a teaspoon. I think that by mistake I was reverting to many years of army training in resistance to interrogation."

"It's no good stonewalling throughout: this is a psychiatrist after your more intimate dimension," concedes Martin Bell. "But you go in with certain defensive positions to fall back on. I decided that one of the best ones was to counter-attack. I feel quite strongly that there's too much psychiatry going on, so I was able to give my deeply held views about that.

"Also, I really did have a deeply happy childhood, which must get him on the back foot from the start.

"I'm rather proud of my relationship with my children, and he was very kind in not going on too much about my marriages, of which I've had two. I didn't want to talk about my second marriage. It wasn't a happy time and I'm not very proud of it."

But in some cases Clare does ask awkward questions. And sometimes the defences do come down, without him seeming to provoke this. Carla Lane was one of those who opened up unintentionally. "Because the lighting was subdued and because he's so quiet I found myself telling him things which I never really intended to tell."

She was talking about her mother's recent death, when she wandered on to the subject of her father, who had died at 52 of a heart attack. Ms Lane had been present and her father had asked her not to call an ambulance. "Then I found myself telling the part of the story I hadn't intended to, which was that I felt I had to, and had gone down to a phone box at the end of our road. When I came back my father must have guessed, and said, 'I'll never forgive you'. Then he died. For years I went round worrying about it but I'd never spoken about it, not even to my family. Afterwards I felt cleansed.

"Professor Clare said very little to me. I thought he'd ask question after question but he just pressed little buttons here and there."

Bell describes it as: "Similar *to the kind of ordeal I had* expected. He'd done his homework and he wasn't sitting with a list of questions. Whatever you said he was likely to take you up on it."

But perhaps Clare's greatest achievement is to make his interviewees like him even as he asks intrusive questions. Even Claire Rayner, who begged Anthony Clare to drop her interview, now concedes that it did her reputation no harm. That she feels no acrimony is largely because she did not feel tricked: "I'm a broadcaster. I was aware this wasn't private. It was a programme and I did it." She did contemplate walking out, "but I was in such a tizz I couldn't have made it out of the studio".

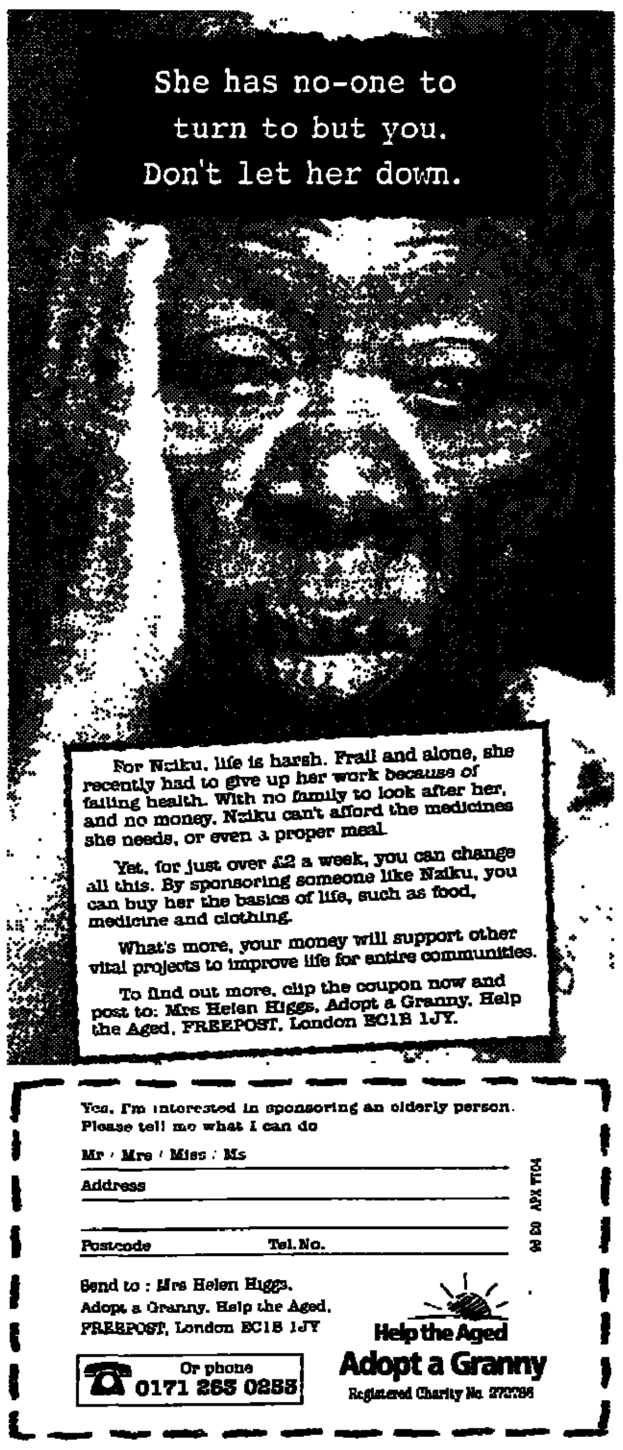
The only element of trickery is perhaps that guests trust and respect Clare as a professional psychiatrist and allow him to ask personal questions on that basis, even though their time in the studio bears little relation to a session with a psychiatrist or therapist.

"But it's certainly not like actual therapy because it's got to fit into a time schedule," says Nicholas Mosley, who saw a psychotherapist for a year more than two decades ago. "He asks the sort of questions that a psychotherapist might ask — except that he wouldn't because he would let it happen more slowly."

The interviews take anything between an hour and a half and two hours, and are then edited down to 30 minutes. No one seems to have found producer Michael Ember's decisions unfair.

Few of his guests, however, seem prepared to admit that they learnt anything from the experience — and perhaps they didn't — but there was a consensus that Clare had got the measure of them.

Even Bell concedes: "Listening to little bits of the tape I thought I could have been more forthcoming. When he was getting somewhere I should have said, 'Oh yes, that's right'."



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How Jane found true love in the desert with an Arab sheikh

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HIDDEN HISTORY

AFTER her divorce from Lord Ellenborough, and abandoned by Prince Felix, Jane Ellenborough had many affairs, including one with a German king. She married twice more but neither husbands nor lovers could make her happy. After her last lover was unfaithful to Jane with her own maid, Jane sailed for Syria, vowing to renounce all men henceforth . . . .

BY NOW, Jane was almost 50, still beautiful and speaking nine languages. Near Damascus, she met the man hired to escort her to Palmyra, the ruined city 200 miles into the desert, to which only the Mezrabi tribe had passage rights. He was Sheikh Medjuel el Mazrab, a striking figure dressed in the flowing scarlet cloak and gold insignia of a desert prince. He was a cultured man in his late twenties, roughly the age that, had he lived, Jane's son by Lord Ellenborough would have been. He spoke several languages, and unusually for a Bedu, he could read and write Arabic.

Because of the physical demands and dangers of the journey, few Europeans had ever visited Palmyra, and the British consul tried to put a stop to Jane's dangerous resolution of riding alone into the desert with an Arab escort.

Nevertheless, she set out in early June 1853, dressed as an Arab on what she would ever after call the "greatest adventure, probably, of all my journeys". Medjuel wore his usual clothes — scarlet cloak over striped shift, a bright silk *keffiyeh* on his head. Around his waist he had wound and knotted several coloured scarves and into this wide sash had thrust a number of knives and pistols. Around his neck was a silken cord upon which hung a sword, and on his feet were red leather boots with upturned toes. On his wrist he carried a hooded hawk. This final touch was not showmanship: the bird would be used to catch small birds and game as fresh food on the journey, as would his saluki hunting dogs.

Two years and many adventures later, having agreed that they would spend half the year in the tents of his tribe in the desert and the other half in Damascus, Jane and Medjuel were married. Despite the age difference, Jane knew that Medjuel was the love of her life. He was an ardent man and their first physical union was "more like a real wedding night than any since Lord Ellenborough".

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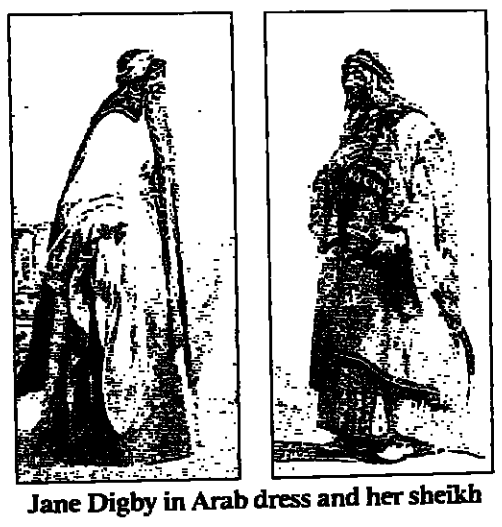
Their honeymoon, in the spring of 1855, was the happiest period in Jane's life. She was travelling in the desert, not as a tourist but as the wife of a desert prince. All the adventure and romance she had ever craved was now fulfilled, and Medjuel offered her all the tenderness she had ever sought.



Jane Digby in Arab dress and her sheikh

THEY arrived at Palmyra one sunset and camped "in a nice place out of the town amongst gardens with a tepid spring under a cluster of palm trees, of which I profited at night to bathe by a splendid moonlight". It was a sensual pleasure to wash the sand from her hair and body, and she was inordinately proud that she had kept her youthful figure and agility as Medjuel sat and watched her while she bathed. Later, when she thanked him for the happiness he had brought her as he promised, "he replied in the kindest and simplest manner, 'Badein [Later], you shall see if I do not keep my word in all things.'"

We removed the tents into a little garden of palms and olives. And ever, ever, shall I remember the happy fortnight I passed there. It may have been for in the all-engrossing happiness of the honeymoon I have forgotten time and date!

The journey to the tents of Medjuel's tribe took some days. On arrival, there seemed so much to learn, chiefly the customs of the tribe. It was unheard of for a Bedu to marry outside the tribal system, but Jane became used to "the utter astonishment of other Beduin at this European wife". Was she the daughter of a bondwoman, they wondered. Perhaps the whiteness of her skin was due to leprosy? The tenderness of her feet was remarked by "soft glucking noises of pity", and necessitated her wearing kid slippers when all other women went barefoot.

Jane recognized that her European aristocratic background meant nothing to the Beduin. They did not regard her as *asil* (noble) for they believed only the Beduin to be of pure blood. They were a lean, hard, proud people who were not prepared to take an outsider at face value, despite her dowry of a flock of sheep and herd of camels. She had Medjuel's protection, but it took time to win their respect and approval.

Though they appeared content, Jane considered the lives of Bedu women desperately hard, their lot one of unequal concubinage and weary servitude.

It was not easy for her in those early days of her marriage. Until she acquired the Beduin patois, she felt isolated, especially among the women. She learnt how to milk a camel and carry the bowl of warm frothy liquid to Medjuel; and to make *leben*, a cheese, from soured camel milk. The woman who throughout her life had been served by hundreds of retainers (even in Damascus her staff were numbered in dozens) had to be taught how to keep the fire alight with faggots and roots gathered from the desert, or with dried camel droppings. She revelled in her new knowledge, performing her tasks with increasing expertise as an offering of affection to Medjuel.

She became the matriarch of the tribe. She rode into battle at Medjuel's side, was midwife, vet, diplomat, judge and financier to "her" tribe. She even represented them at gatherings of chieftains. Her wisdom and generous financial support enabled the Mezrabi to become a powerful voice in the desert.

She died in Damascus aged 74. Her beloved Medjuel, leading her favourite horse, headed a Beduin guard of honour at her funeral. He never remarried. During Jane's lifetime, eight novels, including one by her friend Balzac, were based on her extraordinary life. Her house and grave in Damascus are still extant; her diaries are in the hands of her family in Dorset.

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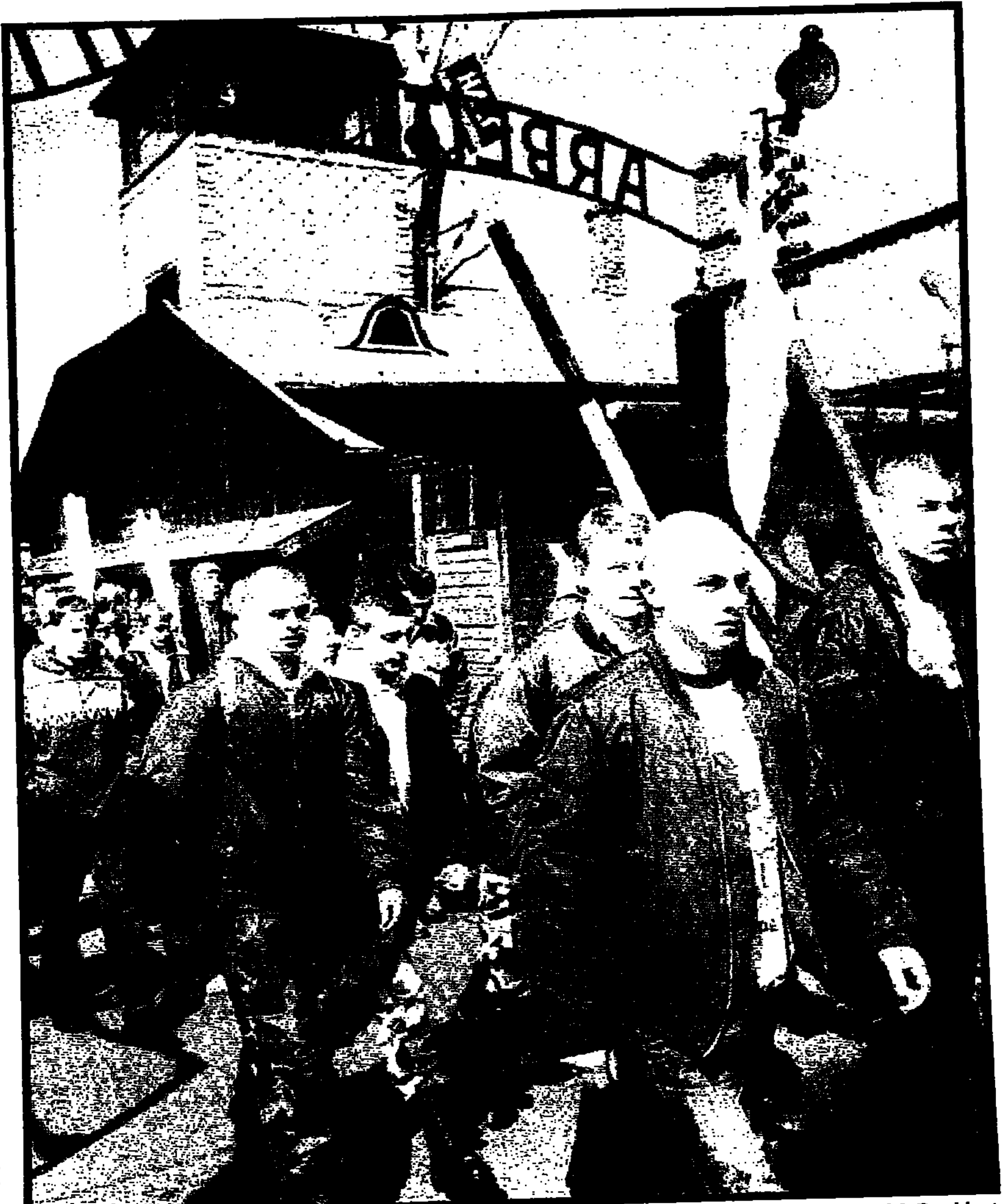
The sinister rise of the extreme Right

ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE ✡

In the final part of his report, Roger Boyes reports from Prague on the dangers of resurgent nationalism



Skinheads march in support of plans for a shopping centre at Auschwitz — a project halted by the Polish President

The Czechs like to compare Miroslav Sladek to Mr Bean. There he is on the poster for the far-Right Republican Party: tall, gaunt, dark hair, pale face. You can guess, even from an election picture, that he is physically uncoordinated and, well, fanatical.

"No," said a man with body-building credentials, "Mr Sladek is not seeing journalists." Quietly he was joined by three other men with matching biceps. In a solid Roman phalanx they moved forward as I tumbled quickly out of Mr Sladek's Prague office.

I had met similar people before: ultra-Rightists, spinning pistols on their index fingers, in Zagreb; the skinhead *gard du corps* of Boleslaw Tejkowski who claims that the Pope is a Jew; the German organisers of the Free Workers Party who belch in your face. However smartly they are dressed, you cannot escape the feeling that they left their black shirts in the laundry.

Mr Sladek's Republicans are anti-Gypsy, anti-Semitic, anti-foreigner and anti-foreign correspondent; they won 18 seats in the Czech general elections. It should be possible to write them off as an oddity. But their presence in Prague — where Jewish, German and Czech cultures have intertwined for centuries — is sinister and disturbing.

Even in the bad times, Prague's relationship with its Jews was never quite as brittle as that of Warsaw. Yet Mr Sladek is still capable of threatening to send "unsatisfied Jewish co-citizens back to their Promised Land".

Mr Sladek is firmly in the tradition of the newly emerging nationalist Right in Europe. The 1989-90 revolutions in Eastern Europe were built on the basis of anti-communist coalition.

Communist parties changed leaders and programmes, but survived, keeping organisation and funding. The Right splintered, and splintered again. The result has been a jumble of voices, from Thatcherite conservative to extreme nationalism.

Michael Shafir, a senior analyst with Open Media Research Institute in Prague, sees essentially two variants of anti-Semitic nationalism. Radical continuity parties extract elements from the communist rule of the preceding 50 years: parties of radical return hark back to earlier days — the true path was set in the 1930s.

The anti-Semitism of the far-Right infiltrates into everyday political vocabulary. Aleksandr Lebed made what appeared to be a throwaway remark about Judaism during the Russian election campaign and many, it seems, approved.

Anti-Semitism cannot be eradicated by government decree. As the Hungarian writer Pal Bodor says: "Anti-Semitism is eternal, like gravity. One can assume that there is anti-Semitism on Mars, even if there is no life there."

Mainstream politicians can make a difference: they can shun the anti-Semitic fringe; they can make sure that courts give appropriate sentences to anti-Semites.

Scope does exist, however, in the more robust civil societies, like the Czech Republic, for parties to become explicitly philo-Semitic, to project a proper counterweight to the radical Right. Certainly Rafael Gvir, the Israeli Ambassador to Prague, sees social support for such a development. "Suddenly there is a great fascination here in all things Jewish; in the Hebrew language, in Jewish literature, in Judaism — a wish even to declare oneself Jewish or to find Jewish ancestors." A Czech rock band calls itself Shalom, although it has no Jewish connections, and teenagers wear Stars of David round their necks. As far as the Ambassador is concerned: "There is no anti-Semitism any more but there are anti-Semites."

How important is the distinction between anti-Semitism as an ideology or creed, and the practitioners of anti-Semitism, the mindless or malicious searchers for a scapegoat in troubled times?

"When anti-Semitism is scapegoating, rather than part of a system of belief, it can be even more dangerous," warns a Polish poet (of Jewish origin). "Today you attack a Gypsy caravan because you are unhappy, unemployed and drunk. The Gypsies move away. Nothing changes in your life. Who do you blame next? Who is next on the list?"

AUSCHWITZ

IMAGINE the delight of the developer: a prime site, cheaply bought, near a medium-sized town in southern Poland, the "tiger" economy of the east. Hundreds of thousands of foreign visitors pass by, hungry mouths for a fast food restaurant.

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But the headline "Supermarket Auschwitz!" torpedoed the project, enraging the world Jewish community.

It will take generations before Poles and Jews will be able to work out a common history that is sensitive to the needs of both nations. Before the war three million Jews lived in Poland: today there are only a few thousand.

During the communist era, the Poles were reluctant even to admit that Jews were the main victims of Auschwitz.

The Polish President not only personally bans the shopping mall, but also expresses public regret and shame for the vicious Polish postwar pogroms against Jews.

The terms of their relationship are slowly changing, though many Jews still regard Poland as the cradle of anti-Semitism. Perhaps the most refreshing part of the Polish-Jewish feuding about the camp is that nobody now questions its historical veracity. There are a few Holocaust deniers on the very margins of the Right in Poland but they are widely regarded as mentally unhinged.

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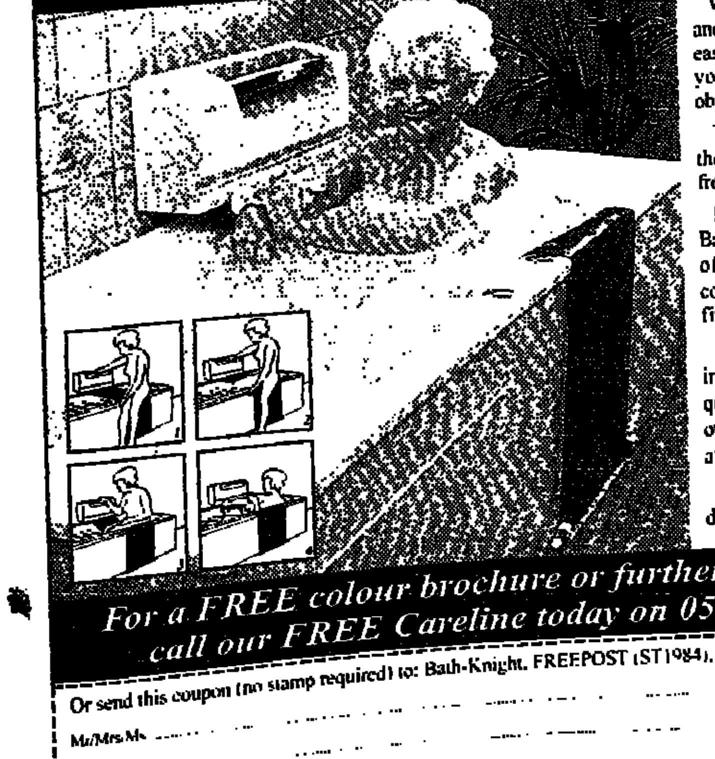

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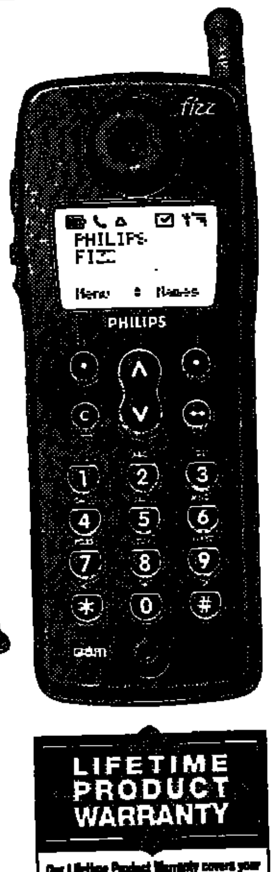

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Tiger, tiger, are you burning out?

Asia's economies may have been overrated, says **Anatole Kaletsky**

Capitalism seems in good heart these days not only in America, but also in Britain and continental Europe. By contrast, the capitalists of Asia — especially those of the financial variety — are in rather poorer spirits. Could it be time to start harbouring doubts about all those predictions we used to hear about the "Asian century" and even the imminent triumph of the "tiger" economies' Confucian values over sclerotic Europe's Judaeo-Christian civilisation?

Last week, the London stock market closed at its highest ever level, a record that looks fairly likely to be bettered in the days ahead. The markets in New York, Frankfurt and even in crisis-prone Paris have also recovered after July's corrections to stand at or near their historic peaks. Meanwhile, the stock markets in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Seoul and Bangkok present a very different picture. Japanese shares today are worth only half what they were in 1990. For the past three years the market in Hong Kong has struggled to regain its late 1993 level, while Wall Street has forged ahead by 50 per cent. In South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, financial confidence has fallen so steeply that governments have had to organise special financial support schemes to limit the damage from the threatened stock market collapse.

If this picture of the world economy seems to bear no relation to what you have heard about in political speeches or even read in the financial pages, do not be surprised. The politicians may warn of the challenge to Western supremacy from ultra-competitive tiger economies in Asia. The City pundits may urge you to put your savings in the "emerging markets", since these are certain to grow three times more strongly than the sclerotic over-regulated economies of Europe and America for decades ahead. But stock markets love nothing better than to frustrate both pundits and politicians.

They did this in a small way a few weeks ago, when Wall Street rebounded strongly after its summer setback, instead of falling headlong into the "bear market" which most respected investment analysts, especially in London and Edinburgh, have been predicting for the last two years.

The markets have also begun to defy the conventional wisdom which says that share prices take fright and fall in response to accelerating economic growth. Instead, while the young men in red braces propound the wisdom of the 1970s and 1980s — that falling unemployment will stir inflation, provoke high interest rates and trigger a stock market rout — the market itself is well on its way to restoring the older, more common-sense notion that used to rule in the 1950s and 1960s: that prosperity is good for profits and so for shares.

Here, then, is one message from the markets worth pondering, even for people who have absolutely no personal interest in shares: political confidence may be at a low ebb in both America and Europe: businesses and consumers may still be shell-shocked by the recession and gloomy about the future; but to judge by the markets' behaviour, the years ahead are more likely to resemble the stable, non-inflationary and relatively prosperous 1950s and 1960s than the crisis-ridden 1970s and 1980s.

An even more intriguing idea arises from pondering the relative movements in stock market prices around the world. Why is it that share prices have done so well in America and Europe, while falling in Asia — to the embarrassed chagrin of virtually all professional investment managers, who have been pumping tens of billions of dollars of their clients' money unprofitably into Asia, while selling their holdings in America and Europe year after year?

The easy answer is that share prices rose much more strongly in Asia in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and that therefore Europe and America have simply been catching up. But this only prompts the next question: How is it that Europe and America were able to catch up? After all, the tigers were supposed to have eaten the old countries for breakfast, or at least to have left them permanently far behind.

Part of the answer probably lies in the Thatcher-type reforms undertaken in America, Britain and parts of continental Europe to make economies more competitive and to shift the balance of power in favour of capital and investment, rather than labour and consumption. But such reforms on their own could never begin to close the cost advantage enjoyed by the Asian tigers. Nor could they transform the pampered Europeans and Americans into fanatically determined workers like the Asians. If — as some politicians and businessmen in the West had begun to fear, and many in the East had begun to hope — the key to Asia's future dominance was going to be the discipline and respect for authority of the non-democratic, Confucian culture, then far nastier medicine than a few years of Thatcherism was going to be required.

Europe and America have produced the better returns

Nowadays, a choice between the Asiatic and Western models of economic development is available even among the emerging markets. Eastern Europe and Latin America are generally following the Western pluralistic political model, but the backward Asian economies — Vietnam, Burma and, above all, China — appear to be increasingly confident that they can advance by repressing democracy and maintaining the traditional Asian authoritarianism.

Even among the more mature economies, of course, it would be absurd to suggest that pessimism about the relative prosperity of America and Europe can be laid to rest by a few years of superior stock market performance. But it would equally be unwise for Jeremiahs to ignore the message of the markets. Investors have found that putting money into Europe and America has produced better returns than investing in the Far East.

All too often, the advantages of low costs and social cohesion in Asia have been offset by the drawbacks of corruption, arbitrary government and lack of innovation. Confucian values have proved conducive to the mass production of simpler manufactured products, but as the Asian countries have become more efficient at making these things, the value placed on them by world markets has dropped. Meanwhile, the value commanded by the more imaginative products of individualistic, disordered Western societies has risen — allowing many Western companies to stay far ahead.

The dichotomy is illustrated by an embarrassing question that many Western fund managers ought to face from their clients in the months ahead. What has been the best way to buy a stake in the growth of Asia's emerging markets? The answer: buy shares in Coca-Cola, Disney, Microsoft or Intel — all of which are quoted on the New York Stock Exchange.

Cyril Ehrlich says admission of women to the Vienna Philharmonic continues a remarkable tradition

Music, muscle-power and maidens in white

The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra intends to take on some women players. Its director said so last week, with the circumspection of an evasive city's most cherished institution. He avoided details and named no names, but hazarded the guess that "quite a few" ladies would join the elect within ten years. Feminists may be tempted to celebrate the fall of a last barricade, but history urges a little more caution.

Long after women gained the vote and access to every kind of job, including medicine and the law, they were still excluded from the bandroom. Before 1914, only a rare few leading orchestras engaged a lady harp, or a couple of token second violins. Not that there was any shortage of readily available talent in rapidly increasing quantity and occasionally of stunning quality. Throughout the 19th century, women were denied entry to the orchestra's rank and file, but some were allowed to achieve international success as solo instrumentalists. To name but a few, the pianists Arabella Goddard, Clara Schumann and Teresa Carreno, and the violinists Lady Hallé and Marie Hall were equal to any man in musicianship, stamina and drawing power. Yet it was the conventional wisdom that only men, tough and resilient, should play behind them.

One expert said that a muscle essential for violin playing was "entirely absent from the female arm" — though that did not prevent a young lady (one of Joachim's pupils) from performing the Brahms concerto in 1893 with a prominent London orchestra, few of whose violinists would have dared tackle the piece. There were also saner warnings against exposing refined girls to the language of the bandroom, the perils of late home-going, and so forth. Above all, it was said, men had families to support.

However, the number of qualified women greatly increased, as did the range of instruments they were allowed to play. Excluded from established bands, they formed their own groups — from teashop trios to full symphony orchestras. In 1871, 125 years before the Vienna Philharmonic decided on its cautious move, a Vienna Damen-Orchester was performing waltzes in New York, "a score of blushing maidens attired in purest white". A generation later, hundreds of female bands worked the international concert circuit. Visitors to Stockholm, for example, included the Viennese Ladies' French Horn Quartet, "national" ladies' orchestras from Sweden, Germany and Romania, and Mrs Hunt's English Ladies' Soloist Orchestra.

During London's gloriously busy 1913 season, two Queen's Hall symphony concerts in May showed what could be achieved in standard repertoire. The Wilhelm Sachse Orchestra had some 120 women and a few men. Similarly large — as was then thought appropriate for any serious concert — was the Shapiro Symphony Orchestra which, with Myra Hess as concerto soloist, borrowed only a few men from the London Symphony Orchestra to play wind instruments.

Inevitably, the First World War opened doors. Henry Wood, more liberal if less comic in such matters than the utterly politically incorrect Beecham, seized a chance to import women to his Queen's Hall Orchestra. With 137 applying for jobs he appointed four violins and two violas — on equal pay and with a separate bandroom. In 1917, one of them, Dora Gartland, led the Proms for a week. Such gains were reversed when men returned from the trenches, but the silent cinema provided huge alternative employment for every kind of instrumentalist, until those jobs were destroyed in turn and for ever by talkies in 1927.

Then broadcasting began and the BBC established new standards of orchestral employment, with several women in the Symphony Orchestra, including Marie Wilson, another future leader. By 1939, the process of slow assimilation seemed irreversible, particularly in provincial orchestras, and it was hastened again by war.

Yet most front-rank orchestras engaged few women, and some none at all, even through the post-war concert and recording boom. Only in America were equal opportunities taken seriously: with anonymous auditions behind screens being one exemplary procedure.

Nowadays everyone pays lip-service to equal opportunity and most orchestras practise it. We shall need more than the fingers of two hands to count the women in Masur's New York Philharmonic or Abbado's Berlin Philharmonic at this month's Proms. Nor are we likely to detect any decline in standards.

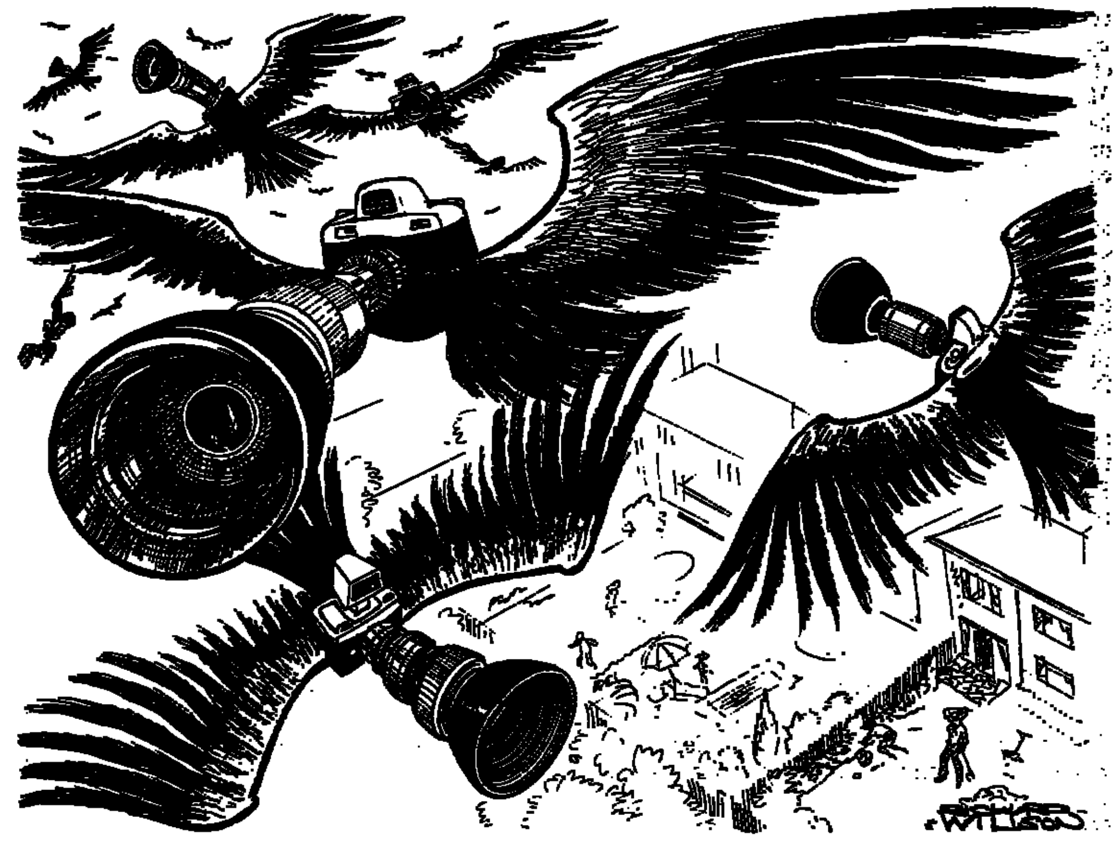
So is Vienna truly the last barricade? Its need to accept women is said to be pushed by their predominance at music schools, and pulled by a threat to cut state subsidies. It will be argued that the Vienna Philharmonic is unique because of its homogeneity, particularly among the strings, which must at all costs be retained: by self-evident means. Modern showpiece bands, some will say, are cosmopolitan and so lack style. But isn't that more a question of teachers, and schools of instrumental playing than of gender? Such issues may take another decade to resolve.

The author's books include social histories of the piano and the music profession.

Ambushed by the camera

Not only does photography lie: it is also an instrument of aggression

Libby Purves



Some of my best friends are photographers. Since they might not be friends after the next few hundred words, I offer at this point an affectionate farewell. Honestly, lads, some of you are terrific: enhancers of life, witty students of the human condition, exposers of injustice, nature's gentlemen. All right? Best to stop reading now. The rest will only upset you.

For I want to say some hard things about the camera: things which are not often said in the media which depend upon it. Pundits say that there are only a few bad apples, and that it is vital for democracy that there should be no restriction on the capturing of images. We are told that the camera cannot lie and that only the wicked fear it. Sometimes they joke about primitive tribes who think the camera steals souls: this is assumed to be absurd. In fiction, photographers are generally heroes; in wars, they are fêted far more than the poor squaddies who provided their raw material. In law, they are safe: if a stranger walks into your garden and takes your photograph he is trespassing, but you may not confiscate his film because that is private property and your privacy is not. If he stays on the road with a telephoto lens you have no rights. Tell this to the media lobby and they roll their eyes up piously and speak in hushed tones of the public interest and the exposure of wickedness in high places; they give a general impression that if only there had been long enough lenses in Eden, the Fall would have been averted.

Hooey. The truth is that virtually half the barrel is rotten, and photography is used as often as not as an instrument of aggression, intrusion, distortion and malice. There is nothing sacred about the camera or those who use it, because for every injustice it exposes it commits 20 others. Moreover, it has created a nervous, self-conscious society obsessed with style and image at the expense of reason. Frankly, those savage tribes may have a point.

The trouble is that technology and practice have shot far ahead of civilised values. It is time we caught up and placed some restriction on non-consensual photography, just as we do on other technological nuisances, such as car horns. Hitherto we have meekly accepted that if a cat may look at a king, it follows that any misfit may buy a camera and make a princess's life hell. Or yours, or mine. This is not just a Royal Family issue, though the Queen's plea for her grandchildren's holiday privacy and the Princess of Wales's stagey anguish over the dreadful Mr Stenning provide a useful focus.

Have you ever actually faced a big battery of motor-drive cameras? I have (only because I was sitting next to Sara Keays at the time) and I count it one of the nastier moments of my life. The flash and rattle, the sense of being gobbled up, is unnerving: unless perhaps you are a carefully presented star who lives by it. Even so, imagine being Diana — or Liz Hurley — and facing that on your own doorstep on a bad day.

"But they love it! They live on it!" cry the paps. "They started it!" There is a grain of truth in this, but a bushel of hypocrisy: we are talking about the difference between a one-night stand and a lifetime of gang-rape. Or, to put it another way, having had a wisdom tooth extracted does not mean you invite all comers to knock out the rest of your teeth.

I also remember that flash and rattle every time I see a photograph of some poor ordinary devil in the news for some reason. Imagine you are an accused — possibly innocent — person leaving committal proceedings, staring wildly at the sudden onslaught of cameras. Only weeks ago I saw a friend, awaiting trial on unpleasant charges, photographed in just that way: in his eyes was the shock of the cameras, and the further shock of realising that anybody who saw him splashed across the local paper would say "Weirdo!" without a word of evidence. A photographic ambush makes anyone look weird. And how about mourners at funerals, and jilted wives?

Yet we are told to accept it in the interests of "freedom". Now I ask you: if a movement had grown up in which gangs of young men followed people around pointing and letting off firecrackers and jeering, would not some action have been taken? But because they point lenses, it is all right.

Why did I say "jeering"? Cameramen, surely, are friendly geezers, yelling "Over here darling! Give us a smile!" Indeed; but the jeering comes later, when the pictures are used. Sometimes it is merely mischievous or affectionate: a Cabinet minister dozing, the Queen urging on a racehorse. Sometimes it distorts the accompanying story: a husband shown grinning alongside a report of his wife's death, a mother pictured at a party, months ago, now that her child is in trouble. Often it is plain spiteful: Diana's cellulite thighs, a gay star looking worryingly thin.

Plenty of those snapped and ridiculed are not even newsworthy. A seedy convention has grown up whereby it is thought acceptable to photograph an unconscious stranger and use him to illustrate a feature on Essex man, yobbish holiday Brits, bad dressers, or whatever. We meekly accept that anything the human eye (or long, long lens) can see is up for grabs, for someone else to profit by.

Or to drool over in private. Last week an American postman was convicted by Bournemouth magistrates of taking indecent pictures of young children. A beach inspector spotted him videoing nothing in particular, and it was discovered that his machine had a mirror and false lens to record naked children playing to one side. Child protection laws enable him to be convicted, but it reminds us that anybody can end up as an unwitting part of someone else's profitable collection of images. Perhaps not his sexual fantasy, but his sneer at fat beach Brits, or his pretentious social commentary about cardboard city people or rave culture. Cameramen travelling to less "sophisticated" countries are often amazed to find that picturesque peasants praying in church or bashing squids on quays resent their intrusion. But it is we who are too meek: the primitive instinct is the healthy one, and if Prince William is entitled to wade around in Balmoral bogs unmolested, the same goes for the squid-basher.

Even where pictures are posed, there is plenty of unavengeable abuse. I cringe to relate this, but once, for the BBC, I agreed to be the subject of a profile in a particularly snide weekend supplement. The text was pretty awful but the photograph was worse: a three-hour session, with make-up and wardrobe and a famous glamour-snapper. Layers of pancake and three hats later, I emerged from the scented attentions of his minions to leave in my travelling, computer-lugging, scruffy daily uniform of leggings and T-shirt. Whereon he said "One more small mug-shot" — and snapped. Of course it was not a mug-shot, but a full picture from knee level, skilfully angled to make me look like a Cell Block H prison guard. It was what they wanted all along: a dykey-looking BBC ratbag. I wrote to the photographer, who never answered, secure in the knowledge no doubt that he has even worse ones salted away to sell when my turn next comes round to be demonised.

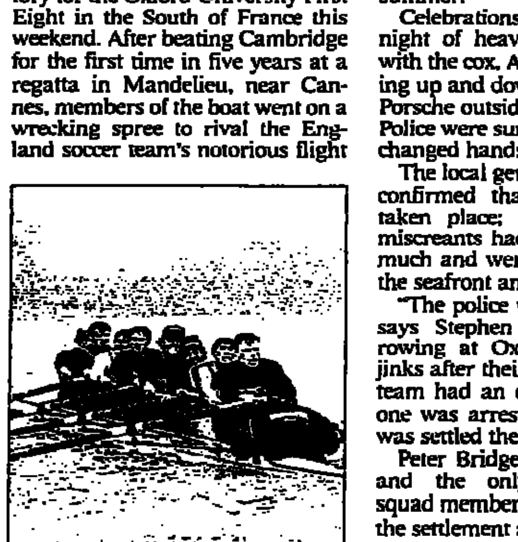
Already in America there are video paparazzi. Cameras grow smaller and cleverer, the media hungrier. We have grown hardened to the idea that it is all right to grab somebody's image without speaking to them or even being seen. The cold-hearted combination of assumed intimacy and emotional distance is part of our culture. At Mont St Michel a few years ago, Marie-Noelle Guillemee drowned trying to save her six-year-old, under the whirring camcorders of tourists. They raised no alarm, held out no hand. One later bragged: "I got the whole thing on tape." Can you wonder, when yesterday the chief photographer of *The Independent* said that if the royals were in a car crash he would "take pictures first and then help afterwards"?

I am not condemning the camera, just remarking that its users deserve no special pleading. "The public interest" does not mean anything that the public might be interested in. And it might not hurt our industry to have to defend, in courts of law, the very few of our intrusions into privacy which really are justified.

THE TIMES DIARY

Disoarderly

DISGRACE swiftly followed victory for the Oxford University First Eight in the South of France this weekend. After beating Cambridge for the first time in five years at a regatta in Mandelieu, near Cannes, members of the boat went on a wrecking spree to rival the England soccer team's notorious flight from Hong Kong earlier this summer.


Oxford on the water

Celebrations culminated after a night of heavy drinking at 3am with the cox, Alex Greaney, bouncing up and down on top of a white Porsche outside a bar in the town. Police were summoned and money changed hands.

The local gendarmerie yesterday confirmed that an incident had taken place; they said that the miscreants had been drinking too much and were singing loudly on the seafront and jumping on cars.

"The police were indeed called," says Stephen Royle, director of rowing at Oxford. "It was high jinks after their victory. One of the team had an on-the-spot fine. No one was arrested, and the matter was settled there and then."

Peter Bridge, Olympic oarsman and the only French-speaking squad member, helped to negotiate the settlement and the fine of 2,500 francs — well over £300.

● *Covent Garden is preparing to fête Placido Domingo, who in December will celebrate 25 years of working at the Royal Opera. He will conduct one performance of* Tosca, *sing the role of Siegmund in* Die Walkure, *his first German part at the House, and then on December 12 will orchestrate a gala evening to celebrate the Royal Opera's 50 years at Covent Garden. He is expected to ask Luciano Pavarotti, José Carreras and their young rival Roberto Alagna to join the singalong.*

Over the eight

THE COUNTRY'S best-known mother-to-be, Mandy Allwood, is learning about the high life. At the weekend she slipped away from her Home Counties hideaway, donned a blonde wig and toasted her eight unborn babies with champagne in a supposedly incognito visit to a West End restaurant.

Accompanied by her boyfriend, Paul Hudson, who was wearing a hat and dark glasses, she was recognised immediately because the third member of the party, the (self-)publicist Max Clifford, went undisguised.

Apparently she decided to have a night on the town. "Mandy was in a really good mood and had a craving for a curry," said Mr Clifford.

"And we propose a modest replacement for Britannia"

Butling on

STAFF NEWS from Blenheim Palace, where the Duke of Marlborough is in need of a butler. A cold palm and Jeeves-like resource are preferred, as is a certain dexterity with tureen and ladle. Background is unimportant.

Ivor Spencer, top bib at the School of Butlery and currently teaching in Las Vegas, explains: "Fifty years ago, prospective butlers were uneducated and quite poor. Now we get them from all walks of life and of all ages." Applicants should not, however, expect to be invited to shoot with their employer.

Zulu wear

TALK AT Edinburgh's cocktail parties concerns the Zulu ladies who provided entertainment with their tribal dances at Edinburgh Castle during the Tattoo. Why were they wearing black bras?

Bras on at the Edinburgh Tattoo

Recently, a topless Zulu lady was spotted cavorting in St James's Park in front of Buckingham Palace. Now, over their *canapés*, Scottish conspiracy theorists have been claiming that the Tattoo's organisers turned down requests from the dancers that they too should perform topless. They added that somebody had been dispatched to buy bras on the ladies' behalf, and returned with white ones; these had to be changed for black because they were too conspicuous.

"It's all nonsense," says a Tattooist. "We haven't exercised any control over their dress. The idea must stem from the day in 1994 when we *did* insist that some men in kilts wore underpants for fear of offending the audience."

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THE WAY AHEAD

Change for the Royal Family requires caution and consent

Rare is the royal house that has successfully foreseen the challenges of the future. The commoner pattern is of random events, conservative excess, excessive change and expiry at a time unplanned. The House of Windsor, from its non-German renaming to its emergence into the television lights, has proved itself more foresighted than most. Despite a welter of scandal among the younger members, the Queen has steered her family ship with quiet sagacity and skill.

Public debate about the monarchy has also been strong in the past few years. *The Times* has been prominent in those arguments, accepting that the days were over when royal dignity could endure best in darkness. If, as reported today, the Queen has overseen her own review of royal rules, titles and privileges, that is to the good. But it is all to the better that the complex issues, which go beyond the House of Windsor to the constitutional monarchy itself, should be heard in the open.

The recognisable outlines of the current arrangements were drawn during the reign of Queen Victoria. The execution of Charles I and exile of James II led to Britain becoming a parliamentary nation, but it was in Victoria's time that the nation moved from oligarchy to democracy and found a monarchy that was a truly popular focus for unity. Since then royalty has weathered upheaval and unhappiness but, in the words of Professor Vernon Bogdanor in *The Monarchy and the Constitution*, "there have been no fundamental alterations to the monarchical model as it had evolved by the end of Victoria's reign".

This in itself might imply that the time is now ripe for review. Politicians of the Left, scenting power, are keen to play their part. Government ministers are no less anxious to be seen in touch with the tide of accountability, egalitarianism and fiscal restraint. The changes considered appear to touch primarily on the succession and on royal finances.

Two reforms which appear, at first sight, attractive are changing the Act of Settlement to allow the heir to the throne to marry a Roman Catholic and altering the system of primogeniture to allow the monarch's first child to become heir apparent, irrespective of sex. The first change would seem a belated recognition that the religious struggles of the 17th century should not intrude on the 21st. Difficult issues would need, however, to be negotiated. A future Catholic consort, and thus Catholic heirs, would end the ability of the monarch to remain Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Even the prospect of such an outcome would risk the established status of the Church.

The Prince of Wales has pondered aloud the prospect of distancing himself from the Anglican establishment in order to accommodate the needs of a multicultural nation. It is far from certain, however, whether any culture would be well served by such changes. The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, argued in the 1991 Reith Lectures that disestablishment would mean "a further dissociation between religion and public culture and would intensify the dangers of a collapse in our moral ecology".

Allowing a princess to inherit the throne ahead of younger brothers could be less fraught. Sweden made the change in 1979 and it might appear not only an equitable but a wise response to the conspicuous ability of the women in the Royal Family, from Victoria to both Queen Elizabeths and the Princess Royal. Since the succession is secure for the foreseeable future through the Prince of Wales to his sons, the change could be gracious symbolism. Financially, the Queen has already conceded to change by stripping down the Civil List and paying taxes. The current case for further reform is poor. The Royal Household, in total, probably costs the Exchequer some £50 million a year; in the last year for which figures are available the Chancellor enjoyed a surplus of £94.6 million on the Crown Estate.

More valuable, by far, however is the security and peace which a constitutional monarchy can bring. In 1872 Benjamin Disraeli responded to the republican agitation of the time by arguing that Britain had benefited, unlike its neighbours, from having the choice of head of state fixed "without the sphere of human passions." That argument remains hardly less strong now.

DAYTON DEADLINE

Postponement of Bosnia's poll would be the greater evil

The destruction by Nato troops of an illegal Bosnian Serb ammunition dump is a demonstration that the West will not tolerate further breaches of the Dayton peace agreement. Such firmness is overdue. The Bosnian elections are less than a month away, and on present trends are heading for fiasco. Almost none of the conditions for these elections laid down at Dayton has been fulfilled: it is not clear who will be allowed to vote, where ballots will be cast or whether any open campaigning, free of intimidation, will be possible. None of the nationalist parties in Bosnia shows signs of respecting the disciplines of democracy. The military observers preparing to police the complex ballot are profoundly pessimistic.

Dayton provided for general elections at national, federal, cantonal and municipal level. The aim is to create legitimate sources of authority to implement the peace agreements, oversee reconstruction and govern the country when the Nato Peace Implementation Force withdraws. The date set, in mid-September, is the latest that is compatible with a withdrawal of American forces by December. Nothing has changed the Clinton Administration's determination to demonstrate, before the November presidential election, that this is running to schedule. But the minimum electoral conditions laid down by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe manifestly do not exist. Indeed, Flavio Cotti, the OSCE head, has virtually washed his hands of responsibility and may hand over to Nato, thus placing the onus directly on the peace-keepers.

Can they deliver the vote? They have the manpower to do so, but all the signs are that they are not prepared to use it. Nato has shirked an important precondition: the arrest of at least the most prominent of the political and military leaders indicted for war crimes. Nato forces could have arrested General Ratko Mladic last week; they deliberately took avoiding action. Under the Dayton rules, millions of displaced Bosnians are entitled to vote in their home villages. But Serb, Croat and even Muslim communities have refused to let refugees back, even for brief visits to their relatives' graves. So long as Nato declines to provide effective escorts, the chances of buses being allowed to cross armistice lines to reach the polling stations are virtually nil.

The International Crisis Group, which includes such figures as Senator George Mitchell, argues that a botched poll will destabilise the already fragile peace. But there is one persuasive argument for insisting that the vote goes ahead. Without a deadline, Bosnia's politicians will decide that Dayton is just a diplomatic figleaf for the West and can be safely ignored. Nato, sensibly, is making contingency plans. The Americans have hinted that they may send troops back after a token withdrawal, staged to convince US voters that Bosnia is not a quagmire. But the West's priority now is to hold to the Dayton agenda. That means not just exhortation, but the use of sufficient manpower and political pressure to convince Bosnia's leaders, and ordinary Bosnians too, that the constitutional foundations of peace must and will be laid. Any yielding of ground, above all by Nato, courts their contempt.

BATTLE OF CANBERRA

Howard's Government experiences its baptism of fire

In the worst incident of its kind in Australian history, the national Parliament was stormed yesterday by a motley crowd of rioters armed with sledgehammers and battering rams. Their protest was directed against the national budget to be presented today by Peter Costello, the Treasurer. Its essence, as has been known for some time, is to eliminate the A$8 billion budget deficit within two years — exclusively by reducing government spending. This is a bold move for John Howard, the conservative Prime Minister whose Liberal-National coalition won the general election last March.

Previously considered a grey man, Mr Howard showed how decisive he could be earlier this year when he swiftly imposed tight gun controls in the wake of the Tasmanian massacre. The economic challenges he now takes on will test all his resilience. The decisions he must take are ones ducked by successive governments. They include a current account deficit averaging 4.5 per cent of GDP over the last decade, weak domestic savings and inflexibility in the labour market reinforced by the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

The 1996-97 austerity budget is the first stage of an ambitious house-cleaning. A specially created National Commission of Audit has come up with a set of radical recommendations. These would see the widespread use of means-testing in health and welfare, the phased end of public housing, contracting out of services for Aborigines and a transfer of many administrative functions from Canberra to the states.

How much of this Mr Howard will take up is uncertain. A highly controversial plan to reduce education spending has already been announced. A major programme of privatisation will start with Telstra, the state telecommunications company. Employment in the Commonwealth Public Service will lose the protection it enjoyed under Labor. The first jolt to employees will be the introduction of performance-related pay.

Mr Howard is thus taking on an army of deeply entrenched interests that even Baroness Thatcher would recognise as formidable. His task is made more complex for lack of a majority in the Senate which has to approve the budget. He is also short of time; Australian parliaments last a maximum of three years. The number of jobless is unlikely to drop noticeably, if at all, over that period.

Yesterday's ugly scenes, intended to intimidate, could instead work to Mr Howard's advantage, rallying public opinion behind him. Paul Keating, the Australian Labor leader, was admired by Tony Blair and was to some degree a model for New Labour. For true radicalism Australia has had to wait for the return to power of the Right.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Flurry over flags on identity cards

From Dr Ralph J. Lamden

Sir, The argument about which emblem — royal coat-of-arms, Union Flag, EU emblem — is to appear on our new identity cards (report and leading article, August 19) seems to be a smoke-screen designed to cover up a vital point of principle.

This is that except in times of national emergency, which can be covered by the Defence of the Realm Act, there has never been a duty on British citizens to prove who they are by presentation of an identity card.

Now, although initially the card is to be "voluntary" one can easily foresee a situation where citizens stopped by the police "on suspicion" will be asked for their cards, and non-production may be grounds for detention until evidence of identity is produced. So the voluntary will become the necessary.

At one time our MPs would have revolted from party on such a principle as this. Now they can only argue about the typography of an inherently objectionable document.

Yours &c,
RALPH J. LAMDEN,
7 Weald Rise,
Tilehurst, Reading.
August 19.

From Mr J. R. Havers-Strong

Sir, I hope that it has been appreciated by those who wish to impose identity cards in time of peace on the peoples of the British Isles, that it is not only the use of the Union Flag that is a potential cause of dissention.

The royal arms as used in Scotland differ from those used in England in ways important to Scots, and any use of the latter version would be as offensive as the use of the Union Flag in Northern Ireland or Scotland.

Let us be rid of the whole thing and the Home Secretary with it.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. HAVERS-STRONG,
34 Fernside Avenue,
St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.
August 19.

From Mr W. S. Affleck

Sir, I see that Michael Howard's voluntary identity card "will be combined" with the new driving licence. Does this mean that the ID card will become compulsory for drivers or that the new driving licence will be voluntary. Let me guess.

And why are some people so determined to load the ID card with information and adornment? We really will gain no benefit from European or Union or other flags, from royal arms or whatever else, on a card whose sole function should be to provide clear identification of the bearer.

Yours sincerely,
W. S. AFFLECK,
Barley Hill,
Watledge, Nailsworth,
Stroud, Gloucestershire.
August 18.

From Mr J. Humphrey-Evans

Sir, The question of the Union Jack on identity cards should be resolved by giving applicants a choice of design, so that holders can identify themselves as Unionists, Scots, Welsh and/or Europeans. The chosen flags could be included in the background to the printed individual details, so that no additional space on the card be used.

After paying up to £15, the customer should at least have some say in the product.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES HUMPHREY-EVANS,
Cartref,
Dyserth, Denbighshire.
August 19.

Civil Service recruiting

From Mr David Gladstone

Sir, The real significance of the Government's decision to privatise the Recruitment and Assessment Service (Lord Taylor of Gryfe's letter, August 6) is that it is only the first step along a road that leads logically to the privatisation of the whole of the Civil Service.

As Lord Taylor records, Mr Michael Heseltine's sole justification for this first step is that it accords with his party's dogmatic belief that the private sector always does things better than the public.

The dogma is chipping away at more and more activities once thought to be the inalienable prerogative of the State as agent of society as a whole: prisons, government laboratories and our tax records have already fallen prey to the mad axemen and many government agencies are poised to follow suit.

The British electorate does not much care for policies driven by ideology. Mr Heseltine's party was able for years to exploit the Labour Party's dogmatic attachment to the supposed panacea of nationalisation. Now that new Labour has conspicuously shed that albatross, the Tories seem curiously eager to hang its twin round their own necks.

The case for our distinctive public-service ethos, rightly praised by Dr Joan Bridgman (letter, August 12), could all too easily go by default.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GLADSTONE,
1 Mountfort Terrace, N1.
August 16.

Issues raised by the death of a priest

From the Reverend Christopher Fenton

Sir, There is a painful truth for the Church to learn, following the violent death of one of its heroic priests (letters, August 17). The Church needs, I suggest, not so much to take steps to ensure the physical security of its ministers, but as much to remind itself, and them, of the limits of its remit, wide as that may run.

It seems to have been one of the more admirable qualities of Christopher Gray's personality that he was simply not aware of the extent of his giftedness — would to God that there were more of his kind around. However that quality has its disadvantages and — now we know — its dangers, also. The Bishop of Liverpool was surely right when he said, trying to make sense of the tragedy: "I have no smooth answers. It feels like sheer loss and waste."

There was a phrase, however, in your obituary (August 16) that struck some chill in my heart: "... not for him the safe distance of non-directive counselling." Some of us will be wishing to God that there had been. Whatever the merits of non-directive counselling (if indeed such a thing exists), if Mr Gray had understood more clearly the nature of what it was he was being confronted with, and the limits of what he could properly offer in response — wide limits, but limits nevertheless — we might have had him with us today.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER FENTON
(Priest/Director),
The Saint Anne's Practice in
Psychotherapy,
The Leys, Aston, Kingsland,
Leominster, Herefordshire.
August 17.

From Dr Bernard Ratigan

Sir, Your moving obituary of the Reverend Christopher Gray was, I fear, somewhat marred by the comment on "non-directive counselling". I do not know how any form of counselling or psychotherapy can be really "non-directive". What I do know is that in many urban areas clergy like Father Gray can be in a very vulnerable position when ministering to the casualties of our so-called system of "care in the community".

Unlike many police officers, social workers and GPs, our parish priests actually live among their people. I know that priests are not social workers but this does not preclude them having front-line training and skills in making rapid assessments and taking care of themselves. Our Lord may not have been an approved social worker but my reading of the New Testament is that he knew how to deal with the casualties of his time.

I would strongly urge those preparing and supporting clergy for those ministries at least to undertake a basic training in making assessments of a person's mental state before attempting any form of counselling. My fear is that sometimes well meaning attempts to counsel mentally disordered people can actually make situations worse.

Logically, it seems to make sense that any intervention which has the power to heal must also be able to do damage.

Yours sincerely,
BERNARD RATIGAN
(Consultant adult psychotherapist),
Nottingham Psychotherapy Unit,
St Ann's House,
114 Thorneywood Mount,
Nottingham.
August 17.

'Feathered enemies'

From Mr Graham Wynne

Sir, Contrary to the implication in your leading article, "Feathered enemies" (August 12), the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has nothing to fear from the important research work on birds of prey being undertaken at Langholm. The RSPB bases its policies on the best science available which is why it has been happy to help fund this study.

You state that the results are a terrible disappointment for "predator-protectors" as "rare heathland birds ... were hunted almost to extinction by their feathered enemies". The Langholm study does not examine this issue: it concentrates on grouse and their predators.

There are, broadly, two possible outcomes for the study: it might show that birds of prey do not cause problems for commercial grouse-shooting, or it might indicate that such rare and protected birds do reduce the profitability of grouse-shooting.

This would encourage some to seek to alter the law to allow birds of prey to be killed, but that is not acceptable. Numbers of birds of prey are still relatively small and are highly vulnerable to persecution and land-use change. They need continued protection.

Secondly, the quality of moorland management has been in serious decline for many decades, during which the main enemies of grouse-shooting have not been feathered predators but overgrazing of their habitat by sheep and deer, loss and fragmentation of habitat by forestry plantations, and inadequate heather management. These issues need to be addressed by landowners and conservationists working together.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WYNNE
(Director of Conservation),
The Royal Society for the
Protection of Birds,
The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
August 12.

Animal protection

From Mr John Bryant

Sir, I must protest about Peter Barnard's Weekend feature, "Who are Britain's real animal lovers?" (August 10).

Unfairly, as we see it, it was illustrated with a picture of a former chief executive officer of the League Against Cruel Sports, photographed in front of the League's logo, who appears recently to have recanted his opposition to fox-hunting.

"Most of the anti-hunting lobby now accepts that foxes are vermin," Mr Barnard claims. I have been campaigning against fox-hunting for 25 years and I have never found any anti-hunting society or individual that holds this view.

For the record, the League accepts the statements by MAFF that foxes causes insignificant damage to farming.

Mr Barnard also suggests raids on mink farms by "animal-rights campaigners" account for the return of the mink to our riverbanks.

In fact, mink were well established in the wild in Britain many decades before "animal liberationists" even existed. Some mink escaped and others were deliberately set free by mink farmers hit by falling fur prices.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BRYANT
(Head of Press and Research),
League Against Cruel Sports,
Sparling House,
83-87 Union Street, SE1.

From M Louis d'Alançon

Sir, Mr Barnard's article makes interesting reading to a Frenchman. One of the first rights granted the French citizen at the Revolution was the right to hunt, until then the privilege of the aristocracy. Only a handful of fanatics would wish to abolish this right.

Since coming to England ten years ago I have had the pleasure of taking part in field sports of every kind, in a country which has no written constitution, no list of rights and no revolutionary tradition. Yet the party which proposes to bring those benefits to the British people proposes to abolish the right to hunt, arbitrarily affecting the lifestyles of thousands of citizens.

Britain may be a country of animal-lovers, but it has more than its fair share of people-haters too.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS d'ALANÇON,
52 Redcliffe Road, SW10.

Yours, puzzled

From Mrs Sara Spillius

Sir, With reference to your correspondence on dissuading houseguests from doing their host's *Times* crossword, I must take issue with Mrs Jenny Baker (letter, August 13: see also letters, August 8, 9). She says that she was annoyed when an associate gave her the answer to 3 across. There is no 3 across, maybe she meant 3 down.

Yours faithfully,
SARA SPILLIUS,
Flat 3, 25 Cleveland Square, W2.
August 14.

The great divide

From Mr A. E. Nye

Sir, Secretary of State James Baker says (report, August 16) that the US and Britain are experiencing the "worst relationship since the Boston Tea Party".

Whatever happened to 1812?

Yours sincerely,
A. E. NYE,
62 Belle Vue Road,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
August 16.

Anonymous informers

From Mr Geoffrey Hinton

Sir, The Reverend Alan Robson (letter, August 16; see also letters August 10, 14) quotes the Emperor Trajan's letter to the younger Pliny, that "Anonymous accusations must not carry any weight whatever ... [for] they are not worthy of the spirit of our age".

Suetonius, in his life of the Emperor Titus (AD41 to 81), recounts that

> One of the worst features of Roman life at the time was the licence long enjoyed by informers and their managers. Titus had these well whipped, clubbed, and then taken to the amphitheatre and paraded in the arena, where some were put up for auction as slaves and the remainder deported to the most forbidding islands.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HINTON,
1 Northmoor Place, Oxford.
August 17.

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Hazards of reform to criminal law

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, Drafting a criminal statute to curb the kinds of intrusive behaviour of which the Royal Family and the Princess of Wales have recently complained will be difficult (reports, August 17, 19).

A delicate balance will have to be established between individuals' rights to privacy and the right of the press to investigate and report. Further, the statute should be enforceable in magistrates' courts and be easily provable.

Drafting of legislation of this kind will be left to civil servants who will have had little, if any, experience of practice in the criminal courts. This augurs badly for the making of a workable Act. The Home Secretary should reconvene the Criminal Law Revision Committee to advise him.

This committee was set up by Mr R. A. Butler in 1959 for the purpose of advising the Home Office on changes in the criminal law which would be effective. It sat monthly from then until 1986 and dealt with many problems referred to it by Home Secretaries. It produced 18 reports, some dealing with specific topics, others with broad areas of the criminal law. Most of its specific recommendations became law. Its wider ones probably would have done too if parliamentary time for their discussion had been available.

It could act quickly, as it did with its first recommendation, dealing with indecent behaviour directed towards children, and its last, which made the prosecution of cases of fraud easier. Its usefulness and success arose from the fact that all its members, except its distinguished academic ones, had had long experience of the working of the criminal justice system.

The derided sections of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which prevented judges from taking previous convictions into account when sentencing and obliged magistrates to fix fines according to an arithmetical scale, would never have become law had the then Home Secretary reconvened the Criminal Law Revision Committee before presenting a Bill to Parliament.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON
(Chairman, Criminal Law
Revision Committee, 1976-86),
1 The Village, Skelton, Yorkshire.
August 18.

Priestley's perks

From Sir Bob Scott

Sir, I am almost ashamed to admit that it has taken me five years to catch up with Stephen Daldry's celebrated National Theatre production of J. B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*. I did so, finally, last night. It is a tribute to the cast and the director that the production after so long a life should still seem worthy of all the praise and awards showered upon it. It was a superb evening.

At the same time, I was rather amused to discover that there was no interval, making the evening a non-stop 1¾ hours.

I say amused because I had the good fortune to talk with the great JB in Manchester in 1974 when I was a very green theatre manager. I asked him that kind of rather silly question given to keen young aspirants along the lines of "what do you think was your greatest achievement in the British theatre?". Without a pause he said that he was the first and perhaps the only British playwright who had demanded from the management and got a nightly cut from the receipts of the theatre bars.

I fancy that great Yorkshireman might have insisted we had an interval, even an extended one.

Yours faithfully,
BOB SCOTT,
Greenwich Millennium Trust,
11 King William Walk, SE10.
August 16.

Suitably light music

From Mrs Fiona Lauder

Sir, Watching the excellent BBC Proms on television on Saturday, I wondered why the men — the poor conductor, soloist, choir and orchestra — have to be dressed in heavy black suits on one of the hottest nights of the year. All were sweating profusely. Not so the excellent pianist, who looked cool in a beautiful, nearly backless frock.

Thin white jackets for the men would be more comfortable and less funereal.

Yours sincerely,
FIONA LAUDER,
Prospect House,
Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent.
August 18.

Marking time

From Mr Henry Baynham

Sir, At this time of jubilation (or despair) for A-level students, spare a thought for the Assistant Examiners. It took me 150 scripts (or 60 hours) to repay my recent hour and a half in the dentist's chair.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY BAYNHAM,
New Rusko,
Gatehouse-of-Fleet, Castle Douglas,
Dumfries and Galloway.
August 18.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 19: The Queen was represented by Mr Richard Marriott (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Riding of Yorkshire) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Anthony Bethell (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Humberside) which was held in Beverley Minster, Humberside, this afternoon.

The Prince Edward was represented by Sir Graham Kirkham.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Paul Abram to be Chaplain of the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula at Her Majesty's Tower of London and a Deputy Priest in Ordinary to Her Majesty in succession to the Reverend Canon Gervase Murphy.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Canon Gervase Murphy to be an Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Alexandra will visit the Silver Trust exhibition of the National Collection of Silver at Hamilton and Inches, George Street, Edinburgh, at 7.00 pm.

Birthdays today

Dr Basil Bard, former managing director, National Research Development Corporation, 82; Mr Gerald Bermingham, MP, 56; Sir Martin Berthoud, director, The Wates Foundation, 65; Mr Reginald Bevins, former MP, 88; Professor Sir John Boardman, archaeologist, 69; Mr Finlay Calder, rugby player, 39; Mr J.M. Clay, former deputy-chairman, Hambros, 69; Professor Peter Day, director, Royal Institution, 58; Mr John Emburey, cricketer, 44; Mr Roger Gale, MP, 53; Mrs Jane Garside, former chief commissioner, The Guide Association, 60; Mr Gus Macdonald, chairman, Scottish Television, 56; Dr Helen Muir, rheumatologist, 76; Mr Robin Oakley, political editor, BBC, 55; Mr Robert Plant, rock singer, 48; Sir John Plumb, former Master, Christ's College, Cambridge, 85; Mr Brian Rees, former Headmaster, Rugby School, 67; Baroness Robson of Kiddington, 77; Professor Anthony Seaton, Professor of Occupational Medicine, 58; Mr Robert Wareing, MP, 66.

Appointment

Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority
Mrs Suzanne McCarthy is the new Chief Executive of the HFEA. She took up the post on July 24.

Memorial service

Mr Tony Bethell
The Queen was represented by the Lord-Lieutenant of East Riding of Yorkshire at a service of thanksgiving for Mr Richard Anthony Bethell, former Lord-Lieutenant of Humberside, held yesterday at Beverley Minster. Prince Edward was represented by Sir Graham Kirkham and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Mr Nicolas Adamson. The Rev Dr Peter Forster officiated.

Mr William Bethell, son, read the lesson and Mr Hugh Bethell, son, read *The Reaper and the Flowers* by Longfellow. Canon Michael Hunter gave an address. The Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and the Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk were present. Among others present were:

Lady Jane Bethell (widow), Mr and Mrs Peter Gregory-Hood and Mr and Mrs David Brotherton (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs Hugh Bethell and Mrs William Bethell (daughters-in-law), Miss Clare Gregory-Hood, Miss Lucy Gregory-Hood, Miss Serena Brotherton, Mr Toby Brotherton, Oliver Bethell, Edward Bethell, Nicholas Bethell, Harriet Bethell and Freddy Bethell (grandchildren), the Earl and Countess of Radnor, the Hon Reuben and Mrs Pleydell-Bouverie and the Hon Richard and Mrs Pleydell-Bouverie (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs C A Bethell (sister-in-law), Sir John and Lady Cotterell, Mrs R Hambro, Lady Helen Smith, Mr and Mrs Peter Smith, Mr Robin Pleydell-Bouverie, the Hon Mrs Arthur Hazlerigg, the Hon Lady Dundas and other members of the family.

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of East Riding of Yorkshire, the Mayor of North Lincolnshire, the High Sheriff and Deputy-Lieutenants of the East Riding of Yorkshire, former High Sheriffs and Deputy-Lieutenants of Humberside, the Chairman of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and members of the Council, the Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council, representatives of Hull City Council, North East Lincolnshire Council, Humberside Police, Humberside Fire Brigade, the SSAFA, Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, Humberside and Yorkshire TAVR, the Order of St John, St John Ambulance, York, Beverley and Pontefract racecourses, members of the Holderness Hunt and many other friends and colleagues.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Benjamin Harrison, 23rd American President 1889-93, North Bend, Ohio, 1833; Saul Tchernichowsky, poet, Crimea, 1875.

DEATHS: Martin Opitz, poet, Gdansk, 1639; Thomas Winter, (Tom Spring), pugilist, champion of England, London, 1851; Ellen Tree (Mrs Ellen Kean), actress, London, 1880; William Booth, *founder of the Salvation Army*, London, 1912; Leon Trotsky, Russian Revolution leader, assassinated, Mexico City, 1940; Jessie Matthews, singer and actress, London, 1981; George Adamson, conservationist, murdered, Kenya, 1989.

Stainless steel was first cast, Sheffield, 1913.

The Scottish sprinter Eric Liddell refused on religious grounds to run in the 100 metre heats at the Paris Olympics because the event was on a Sunday, 1924.

Russian troops invaded Czechoslovakia, 1968.

Streets and parks where fountains have run dry

By Robin Young

A CAMPAIGN is being mounted to put drinking fountains back on stream.

Once a feature of every high street, park and recreation ground, the fountains are in danger of extinction despite the existence of a charity with £½ million to devote to them.

Where fountains still exist they have mostly run dry, fallen victim to vandalism, or no longer provide water fit to drink.

The Consumers' Association recently sent researchers looking for a drink of water in 13 towns, and found that most streets, shopping centres, parks and playing fields were dry.

David Dickinson, editor of the CA magazine *Health Which?*, claims the lack of drinking water has become "a significant health hazard".

That is where the Drinking Fountain Association (full title: The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association) came in. It was founded in 1859 by the Quaker MP, Samuel Gurney, to improve public health *and cutting consumption of* alcohol.

Until the association started erecting drinking fountains many people had to rely on bottled water, or drink polluted water from wells and conduits.

The Consumers' Association says that, once outside the home, affairs are little better today. Dependence on bottled water is back.

"The cheapest bottled water is 400 times more expensive than tap water," Mr Dickinson said. "It is scandalous that there is no guaranteed access to a trustworthy water supply outside the home."

Of 60 shops visited across the UK only one, a department store in Edinburgh, provided public drinking water. Even the Gateshead MetroCentre, one of the largest shopping centres in *Europe, had no marked* source of drinking water.

Only one researcher got a drink of water in a park, and that came from a bowls club pavilion.

"The trouble is drinking fountains are prime targets for vandalism," sighed Ralph Baber, secretary of the Drinking Fountains Association. "Many Victorian fountains are out because they were fitted with lead piping. We are restoring two in front of the Natural History Museum. Otherwise we made grants for 50 new fountains last year, mostly in schools, but others in playgrounds and children's clubs."

The association has £460,000 invested, providing income of £40,000 a year. The present totals of fountains *it has supplied down the years* are 3,149 in London, and 676 in the regions and abroad. How many work, though, is doubtful.

The association's first installation, outside the church of St Sepulchre at Holborn Viaduct in central London, is now a tourist attraction where visitors have their photographs taken holding the cups and chains.

Other Victorian fountains survive in London at Finsbury Square, Westbourne Grove, Chalk Farm and Rosslyn Hill. There were particularly ornate examples in Victoria Park, Hackney, presented by Baroness Burdett-Coutts in 1861, and at the Royal Exchange, erected to mark the association's jubilee in 1911.

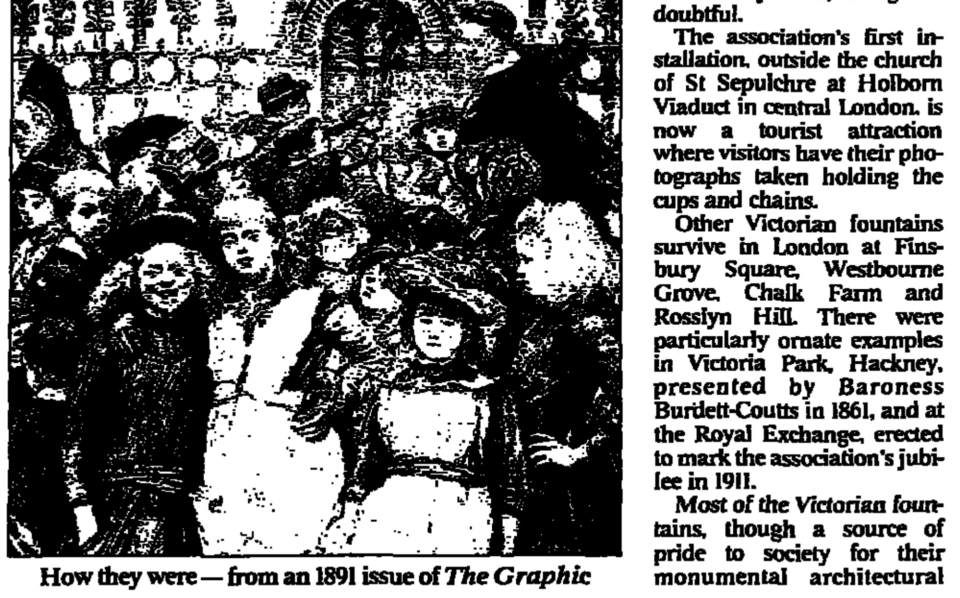
Most of the Victorian fountains, though a source of pride to society for their monumental architectural style, are useless for quenching public thirst.

The Consumers' Association says that local authorities, blaming vandalism, lack of hygiene, costs and water restrictions, have "given up on the idea of free public water". But the organisation believes that siting fountains in safe places, and using tamper-proof and maintenance-free facilities, could still restore drinking water supply in most areas.

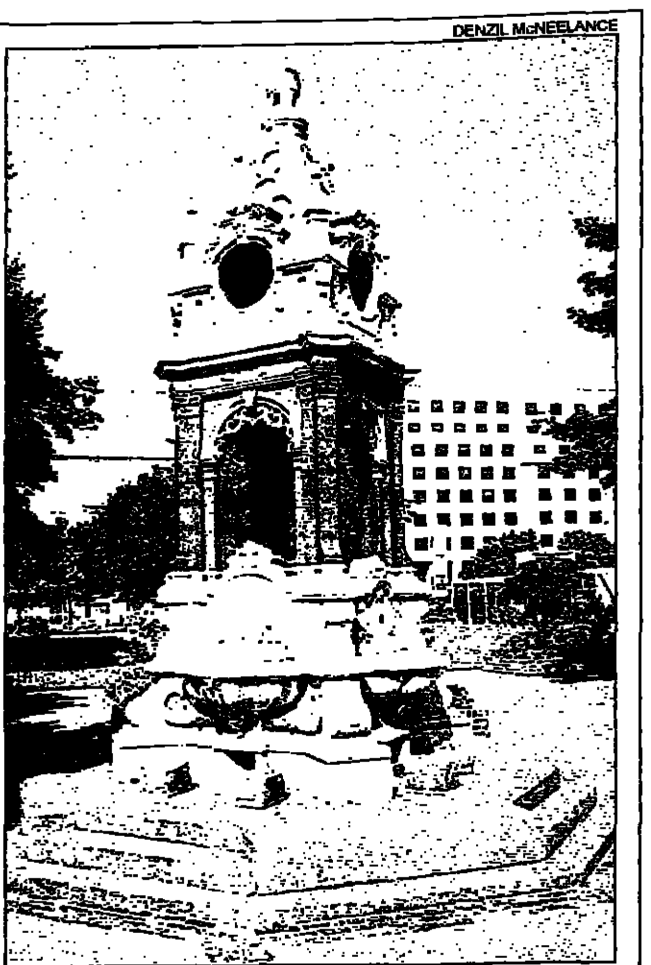
At two country parks in Buckinghamshire fountains supplied at a cost of £400 plus water charges, funded partly by the Drinking Fountain Assocation, have required repair only once in three years.

Keith Norton, the manager, said: "In our experience, if fountains are placed where there are many people or where they can be seen, vandalism is minimal."

The Drinking Fountain Association, "Oaklands", 5 Queenborough Gardens, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 6NP.



How they were — from an 1891 issue of *The Graphic*



DENZIL McNEELANCE

A drinking fountain in Finsbury Square, one of very few to survive in London

An early fountain outside St Sepulchre's, Holborn

The Leverhulme Trust

The trustees have approved the following awards to individuals under schemes administered by their research awards advisory committee:

Emeritus Fellowships

N J Barker, MA, a history of printing types.

E A Barnard, PhD, FRS, molecular biology of brain receptors for ATP.

H E J Cowdrey, MA, FBA, Pope Gregory VII (1073-85).

Sir David Cox, PhD, FRS, statistical methods in natural and social sciences.

R N Dixon, PhD, ScD, FRS, molecular spectroscopy and photochemical dynamics.

Sir Sam Edwards, FRS, macromolecular networks and macromolecular glasses.

J T Fitzsimons, MD, ScD, FRS, hormonal basis of sodium appetite.

E B French, PhD, the post-palatial phases at Mycenae.

J R Garrett, PhD, exocytosis, synthesis and glycosylations of salivary kallikreins.

R G Gruffydd, DPhil, FBA, Protestant prose in Welsh, c1545-1642.

W A Hamilton, PhD, heterogeneity and electrochemical activity within microbial microfilms.

H Hanak, MA, Czechoslovak foreign policy and Britain.

J B Harborne, PhD, DSc, FRS, the *phytochemistry of European medicinal* Compositae.

L Hellinga, LittDr, FBA, a catalogue of English incunabula in the British Library.

G A Holmes, PhD, FBA, The Renaissance Papacy c1450-1527.

M R House, PhD, DSc, Studies on Devonian fossil Ammonoidea.

I M James, DPhil, FRS, The history of topology.

M Kogan, MA, Changing relationships between the universities and the state.

I M Mills, DPhil, Vibrational overtone spectroscopy.

A S Milton, DPhil, DSc, Endotoxin and blood vessel reactivity.

D J Oddy, PhD, Diet and nutrition in Britain, 1890-1990.

P J Parr, MA, Publication of the Tell Nebi Mend excavations.

I C Percival, PhD, FRS, Quantum foundations and primary state diffusion.

R Posner, DPhil, PhD, Romance historical syntax.

O Stevenson, CBE, DLitt, A knowledge base for the assessment of neglect.

M Treisman, DPhil, Temporal factors in sensation, perception and memory.

Gerard L'E Turner, DLitt, DSc, Mathematical instrument making in Elizabeth England.

G Whittington, PhD, Palynology of prehistoric landscapes in Shetland.

A Williams, BLitt, The Hospital of the Knights Hospitaller in Malta, 1522-1798.

Study Abroad Studentships

S J K Barnett, BA, MBA at INSEAD - *France.*

P A Bennett, BSc, DPhil, Combinatorial inverse semigroup theory *and applications - Australia.*

N M Coe, BA, Producer service networks in the Cascadia region - *Canada.*

J Cole, BA, Michelangelo Buonarroti: patron/poet in seicento Florence - *Italy.*

P R Ditchfield, BA, MA, The material culture of Norman and Byzantine Puglia - *Italy.*

K A Fawcett, BSc, Ecology and ranging patterns of chimpanzees - *Uganda.*

K J Fletcher, BA, MPhil, Liberal philosophy and South African education, 1902-24 - *South Africa.*

J C Flieger, BA, MA, Dynamic semantics and goal-directed inference - *The Netherlands.*

N J Hargreaves, BA, BM, BCh, A novel approach to *smear-negative* tuberculosis - *Malawi.*

U Henry, BA, Circus for the empty chamber - a quest for the self/other - *The Netherlands.*

R C Henson, BA, Female martial role in Chinese traditional theatre - *People's Republic of China.*

P C Howell, MPhys, Theoretical physics and mathematical techniques - *Germany.*

A L Hubbard, BA, Modelling glacier and climate fluctuations and dynamics - *Canada.*

S F Jones, MA, Workshop and followers of Jan van Eyck - *Belgium.*

D L Manisty, BA, DPhil, Modern Arabic poetry: 1940s-1990s - *Tunisia.*

J S Neath, BA, PGCE, 'Muslim' children in French state schools - *France.*

L A Nelson, BSc, MSc, Assessment of facial reconstruction using premortem photographs - *Italy.*

M L Percival, BA, MA, Serbs in Romania and Romanian-Yugoslav relations - *Romania.*

S R Sparks, BA, MA, Heidegger and Marx: the tragic present - *France.*

P Storey, BSc, Transmission anad clinical immunology of endemic oesophagostomiasis - *The Netherlands and Ghana.*

J E Story, BA, PhD, Charlemagne and Northumbria: the Frankish context - *France.*

S J Theobald, BA, MA, Thai women industrial workers: continuity and change - *Thailand.*

E L Tomalin, BA, MA, Religion, *ecology and environmental values in* India - *India.*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. Butler and Miss M. Kelly
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N. Butler, of Whitewool Farm, East Meon, Hampshire, and Melinda, only daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Kelly, of Alma, West Meon, Hampshire.

Mr G.S.A. Lake and Miss L.J. Cooke
The engagement is announced between Gareth, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.S. Lake, of Marston Moreteyne, Bedfordshire, and Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E.C. Cooke, of Cookham Dean, Berkshire.

Mr E.S. Rothman and Miss M.C. Weems
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs James Rothman, of London, and Kelly, daughter of Dr Thomas Weems and Mrs Martin Lichterman, of Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr S.P. Trams and Mrs J. Farrant
The engagement is announced between Siegmar Peter Trams, of Salzgitter, Lower Saxony, and London, and Joanna Farrant, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr J.R. Vanstone and Miss K.B. Phillips
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Graham Vanstone, of Collingham, Nottinghamshire, and Katie, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs David Phillips, of Abergavenny, Gwent.

Marriages

Mr G. Meynell and Miss H.F. Derwas
The marriage took place on August 3, in Shrewsbury, between Mr Godfrey Meynell, son of Mr Godfrey and the Rev Honor *Meynell of Meynell Langley*, Derbyshire, and Miss Helen Derwas, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Derwas, of Shrewsbury.

Mr N.G.T. Newington and Miss M.C. Whittome
The marriage took place on August 14 at St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex, of Mr Nicholas *Newington, only son of Sir Michael* and Lady Newington, of Scaynes Hill, to Miss Catriona Whittome, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Whittome, of Scaynes Hill. The Rev Graham Mitchell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rebecca Stewart and Sarah Jean MacLeod. Mr David Knapp was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Cornwall.

Mr G.M.A. Parascandolo and Miss J.C. Littlewood
The marriage took place on Saturday, *August 17, 1996, at St* Dubricius Church, Whitchurch, of Mr Giuseppe Marco Anthony Parascandolo to Miss Joanna Claire Littlewood, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Littlewood.

Latest wills

Lord Bottomley, of Woodford Green, Essex, former Mayor of Walthamstow, MP for Teesside, Middlesbrough, and Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, left estate valued at £389,541 net. He left most of his estate to relatives.

Lord Marshall of Goring, of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £262,439 net.

Lady Lomax, of Llanfairpwll, Anglesey, Gwynedd, left estate valued at £223,598 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

The Hon Aylmer Douglas Tryon, of Great Durnford, Salisbury, *Wiltshire, left estate valued at* £482,027 net.

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Jesus said: "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters."
Luke 11 : 23 (REB)

BIRTHS

AL ZOUHEIRI - On August 16th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Fabienne (née Lenfant) and Bashar, a beautiful daughter, Lana, a sister for Alessandra-Noor.

BOURNE - On August 17th 1996 at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Lucy (née Pollock) and Ian, a daughter, Hebe Elizabeth, a sister for Sebastian.

BROWN - On August 17th 1996, to Joanne and David, a daughter, Alexandra Rose.

BURRAGE - On August 17th, to Jacquie (née Eagle) and Tim, a son, George David Edward.

CARR-SMITH - On August 17th 1996, to Isabel-Diana (née Archer-Palmer) and James, a son, Charles Douglas Philip.

COCKER - To Zosia and Simon, on August 17th, a daughter, Isabel Emelia, a sister for Lucy, Alex and Edward.

COLLINS - On 30th July at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Chris (née Coleman) and Dan, a son, Nathan Clark.

EDMUNDS - On June 30th, to Belinda (née Leslie) and Erik, a daughter, Lucy Rowena, a sister for Gwen.

HAMMOND - On 17th August, at the Poly Clinique, Deauville, to Georgina, wife of John, a son.

HANDSCOMB - On 16th August, to Tim and Claudia (née Lang), a daughter, Natasha Lisa, a sister to Sophia and Georgia.

HICKS - On 17th August 1996, at home, to Elizabeth Muston and David Hicks, a son, Edward John Hicks.

HINGSTON - To Charlotte (née Stirling) and Peter, on 13th August, Phoebe Kythe and Imogen Charlotte.

JONES - On May 30th 1996, to Jo (née Abley) and Stephen, a daughter, Molly, our very special baby.

KEMP - On August 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Annabel, wife of Dominic, a daughter.

McDOUGALL - On August 11th 1996, to Sue and Neil, a beautiful daughter, Isla Rae, a sister for Rory and Euan.

OLDWORTH - On 14th August 1996 at Queen Charlotte's, to Sarah (née Read) and Richard, a daughter, Romey, a sister for Katie and Purdie.

RICHMOND - On August 16th, to Lucy (née Knox) and Keith, a daughter, Alicia Lucy.

BIRTHS

SUDDERICK - On 8th August 1996, to Katy (née Thomas) and Robert, a daughter, Zoë Ruth, a sister for Phoebe.

TAYLER - On 17th August at St Thomas', to Sophia (née Ashton-Bostock) and Dominic, a daughter, Natasha Victoria Patricia, a sister for Alexander.

WALKER - On August 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Victoria (née Croll) and Jason, a son, Archie, a brother for Tom.

WATKINSON - On 14th August 1996 in Brunel, to Sarah (née Weymont) and Mark, a son, Thomas Weymont Pike.

WYLES - On August 15th 1996 at King's College Hospital, London, to Lindsay (née Davis) and Jonathan, a son, David Philip James.

DEATHS

AITKEN - Peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness on Saturday 17th August 1996, Dr. George Edward Aitken, LRCP.(Edin), LRCS.(Edin), LRFPS.(Glas), 10 Stratherrick Park, Inverness, greatly loved husband of Jeanine. R.I.P. Requiem Mass tomorrow, Wednesday 21st August at 11 am in St Mary's Catholic Church, Huntly Street, Inverness to which all friends are respectfully invited thereafter interment to take place in Vitre, France. No flowers please. Enquiries to the Funeral Directors: John Fraser & Son, Chapel Street, Inverness. Tel: (01463) 233366.

ANDREWS - Reginald G., F.R.A.S. of Town Littleworth, Cooksbridge, Lewes, and since 1984 of Stanford in The Vale, Oxford. Died in his sleep aged 93 years on August 17th 1996. Donations to Salvation Army or Cat Protection League c/o H.J. Knapp & Sons, 4, Church Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8BL.

ATWELL - Peacefully on 17th August 1996, at Ayr Hospital, Dorothy Hendry Baxter (Lady Atwell), beloved wife of Jack, a dear aunt and great-aunt. Thanksgiving Service at Linn Crematorium, Lainshaw Drive, Glasgow, on Thursday 22nd August at 12 noon, to which all friends are warmly invited. No flowers please.

DEATHS

BARON - Margaret Eleanor on Friday 16th August, wife of George, mother of Christopher and Frances, aged 81, died at the London Bridge Hospital after an illness borne with courage. Formerly member of the academic staff (mathematics) at Goldsmiths College, London, and Stockwell College, Bromley. Funeral Service on Thursday 22nd August at 1.30 pm at Beckenham Crematorium. Flowers c/o Albins, 52 Culling Road, SE16, tel: (0171) 237-3637.

BATTERSBY - Doreen May on August 16th peacefully aged 98. Widow of Lieutenant Colonel J.Y.E. Myrtle D.S.O., K.O.S.B. and Brigadier T.E.M. Battersby. Much loved mother of Giles and Andrew and devoted grandmother. Private family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at 2.30 pm on Tuesday August 27th at St James Church, Bix, nr. Henley-on-Thames. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to DGAA, Homelife, Rushcourt, Wallingford, Oxon.

CHAMBERLAYNE - On 17th August Daphne Helena peacefully aged 86. Beloved widow of the late John Chamberlayne and mother of Simon and Mark. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Churchill, Oxfordshire, 11am Friday 23rd August.

CLARK - Frank Robert aged 91, peacefully on August 16th 1996. Much loved uncle of Anne, great-uncle and great great-uncle, formerly of Smannell, Andover, Hants. Private cremation. Memorial Service at Smannell Parish Church at 3 pm on September 5th followed by interment of his ashes. Floral tributes or donations to British Red Cross Society Hampshire Branch may be sent c/o Dunning Funeral Service, 2 Church Close, Andover, Hants.

CROCKETT - Col. Jack Davison, on August 19th 1996 aged 83 peacefully at Cheney House Nursing Home, dearly loved husband of Gwen. Private funeral. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Sherwood Foresters Regimental Benevolent Fund c/o John Ward & Son, 20 High Street, Daventry, Northants NN11 4BY.

DEARMER - Geoffrey died August 18th 1996 at Homebirch House, Birchington, aged 103. Funeral Service on August 27th Birchington Parish Church at 3pm, followed by private cremation.

DEATHS

DICKENSON - On 16th August peacefully at his home in Tiverton, Devon. Anthony S.R. (Tony) aged 54 years. Formerly of Ashtead, Surrey. Remembered with joy. Funeral Service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Topsham Road, Exeter, on Friday 23rd August 1996 at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Tiverton Marie Curie Centre, Tidcombe Lane, Tiverton, Devon.

DON - Ann Margaret Frances, peacefully on August 17th, beloved wife of Stuart, mother of Nicholas, Sally and Michael, grandmother and great-grandmother. For funeral arrangements please contact (0171) 730-6820.

DOW - Doris Mary (née Soundy) very peacefully in her sleep on 17th August, at 88 years of age, and after much suffering so bravely and cheerfully borne. Dear wife of the late George, beloved mother of Margaret and Andrew, and much loved grandmother of Jonathan and Andrew, James and Alexandra. Funeral Service at St James, Audlem, Cheshire, at 11 am on Friday 23rd August, followed by private cremation.

FRAMPTON - Daphne Grace, aged 83 years, of Weybridge, Surrey, wife of the late Harry Frampton and beloved mother to Peter, sadly missed by Heather and Jack. Friends are respectfully invited to attend a memorial service to be held at St Andrew's Church, Cobham, Surrey, on Wednesday 21st August at 2 pm. Flowers to be arranged through Rita's Florist, Chessington, tel: (0181) 397-1732.

GRIFFIN - John Richard (Dick) (Major Royal Lincolnshire Regiment) died peacefully on August 17th 1996 aged 78 years, beloved husband of Margie and devoted father of John, James and Susie, proud grandfather of Anne, Philip, Robert, Michael, Charlotte and Ross. Funeral Service will take place at St Peter's Church, Flushing, on Thursday August 22nd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Churchtown Farm, Lanlivery, Cornwall PL30 5BT.

DEATHS

HADINGHAM - Kenneth (George) Hadingham OBE, KPM, aged 84 years. Passed peacefully away on August 14th in Ealing. Husband of the late Rhoda, father of Diana, grandfather of Simon and Elizabeth. Formerly of Palestine Police, Kenya Police and The Foreign Office. Funeral 3rd September at All Saints Church, Sanderstead, Surrey at 12 noon. Enquiries c/o Christopher Wickenden F.S. (0181) 579-7176.

HARROD - On 18th August, Christina (née Hobhouse), wife of Dominick and mother of Oliver, Hayes and Joseph, after a short illness. Funeral St Mary's Priory, Binham, Wells, Norfolk Thursday 22nd August at 2pm.

LANCASHIRE - On August 15th 1996, Joyce Mary, in her 80th year, peacefully at a nursing home in Virginia Water. Widow of Walter Lancashire. Much loved mother of Godfrey and grandmother of Zoe. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Dorchester on Thursday 22nd August at 2 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Y.M.C.A. c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset, tel: (01305) 262338.

LEE - Edward (Ted), retired Transport Manager for the R.P.O., died peacefully on August 15th after a brave fight. Unforgettable and greatly loved. Funeral Service at 3 pm on August 22nd at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow. Family flowers only. Donations for the Lister Hospital c/o J. Phillips, 60 The Ridgeway, Ware, SG12 0RS (tel: 01920-464771).

LEFEVER - Eve, treasured wife of The Rev. Henry Lefever and much loved mother of Robert and Andrew, grandmother and great-grandmother, aged 93 years, peacefully in Canterbury on 18th August. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Canterbury at 3.30 pm Thursday 22nd August. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Council for World Mission, 11 Carteret Street, Westminster SW1.

DEATHS

MADDRELL - Barbara, photographer, peacefully in York, on 18th August, 1996 aged 91. Widow of Hugh (died 1969), dearly loved mother of Simon, Tim, Johnny (died 1981), Jem and Mouse; grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation on Friday, 23rd August at 3.30 pm, enquiries to J.G. Fielder & Son tel: (01904) 654460.

PIKE - Jean Petrie (née Boyle). On 17th August 1996 aged 94 years, widow of Geoffrey, formerly of Blantyre, Malawi and late of Hadleigh, Suffolk, mother of Francis, Barbara, Anna and Adrian. All enquiries to C. Middleton & Son Ltd. Tel: (0161) 434 3725.

PLUMBE - Edwin John Astley, beloved husband of Katherine, on August 16th in his 82nd year at BUPA Hospital, Norwich. A loving father and grandfather. Funeral private.

READ - Agnes Beatrice (Betty) aged 86 years peacefully on Thursday 15th August 1996 in Drapers' Wing, St Christopher's Hospice, after a long illness sweetly and bravely borne. Funeral at St John's Church, Northdown Road, Belmont, Surrey, at 12 noon on Tuesday 27th August 1996 followed by cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice.

REID - Mary (née Johnston) formerly of Inverness and Aberdeenshire, peacefully on August 17th, 1996, in Bournemouth Nuffield Hospital after a short illness. Beloved wife of Robert, devoted mother of David, Harvey and Gavin and loving grandmother. Funeral Service Thursday, August 22nd, at 2 p.m. at Bournemouth Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Neurofibromatosis Association may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.

ROGERS - On 16th August 1996 at home Ruth Florence Golding (née Elwes) aged 89 years. Widow of Charles William Milward Rogers. Mother of Henry and Olivia. Funeral Service at St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham, Herts. on Friday 23rd August at 10.30 am followed by cremation. All enquiries please telephone Daniel Robinson and Sons Ltd. (01279) 656477.

DEATHS

SMITHER - Ronald aged 72 peacefully on Monday 12th August 1996 in hospital after an illness courageously borne. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private family funeral. All are welcome at a Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 3rd September 1996 at 2 pm at St Mary's Church, Church Hill, White Waltham, near Maidenhead, Berks. Family flowers only by request however donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR.

SORSBIE - Caroline Mary (Cara) died peacefully August 16th, beloved daughter of Joan and the late John Phelips, sister of Jean and Liz and adored wife of Michael. Funeral 2.30 pm August 22nd Warnford Parish Church. Family flowers only: donations if desired to Bordean House, Petersfield, GU32 1EP.

STEENGRACHT VAN MOYLAND - Gwen, Baroness van Moyland peacefully on 16th August, 1996. Widow of Harry, mother of Antony and Jan, beloved by them and their families. A service of celebration for her life will be held at St Mary's Church, Monmouth on Friday, 6th September at 2.30 pm.

SWEETING - On 18th August in the Isle of Man, Henry Kennett, late Coldstream Guards. Beloved husband of Zoë (Aileen), adored father of Carol and Clare and much loved Gaffer to Lara, Christian, Sophie and Kit, devoted son of Mrs C. de Warrenne Taylor (aged 103). Funeral at Santon Church 11.30 am Friday 23rd August. Flowers to Eric Faragher (01624) 673109 or donations to Friends of Noble's Hospital, Douglas.

TOGNA - On August 17th 1996, Enrico died peacefully at home in his 87th year. Much loved husband of Doddy, father of Henry and Susan, grandfather of David and Louise and brother-in-law of Dolly. Requiem mass at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, London W1 on Friday, August 23rd at 9am followed by burial at 10.30am at St Pancras Cemetery, High Road, East Finchley, London, N2. Rico, to some of his friends Henry, was loved by all. May he rest in peace. Enquiries and flowers to A. Franco & Son: 0171-405 4901.

DEATHS

TOWNSEND - Rebecca, on August 18th 1996 peacefully at her home, aged 86 years, dearly loved wife of Tom.

VINER - Ruben O.B.E. on 18th August 1996 died peacefully in hospital after a short illness, beloved husband of Rhoda, happily married for 64 years, much loved father of Brian and Roger and dear father-in-law of Rosemary and devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

WARREN - Sir Brian on 18th August peacefully at home in his 82nd year. Beloved father of Penny Neary, Amanda Holden, Antony, Marcus and Benedict Warren. Private cremation. Family flowers only but donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Beaumont Street, London W1N 2AA would be greatly appreciated. Memorial Service at a later date to be announced. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, London W8. 0171-937 0757.

WATERS - On August 16th 1996 peacefully at home after a short stay in the Royal Marsden, Jim aged 42 years. Service on August 23rd at St Marks Church, Westfield, at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, made payable to The Brain Tumour Foundation may be sent to G. Boutell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, tel: (01932) 345037.

WOODS - Cynthia, beloved wife of Bill and much loved mother of David, Richard and Liz, died peacefully on August 15th at Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Portsmouth. Flowers to Funeral Services (Petersfield), 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 3HR. Service and cremation at Putney Vale, Stag Lane, Putney, London at 11.30 am on Friday 23rd August.

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RABBI HUGO GRYN

Hugo Gryn, CBE, rabbi and broadcaster, died from cancer on August 18 aged 66. He was born on June 30, 1930.

A pillar of one of the BBC's most enterprising and successful radio programmes, *The Moral Maze*, the name and reputation of Hugo Gryn became known to many outside his own faith. More perhaps than anyone else, he symbolised the responsible voice of Reform Judaism in Britain.

Hugo Gabriel Gryn was born in the Czechoslovak town of Berehovo. He was named after his great-grandfather, a renowned Talmudic scholar, who had just died. In May 1944, shortly before his fourteenth birthday, he was deported to Auschwitz, together with his family, the Jews of Berehovo, and all the Jews of Carpathia.

His younger brother and his grandparents were murdered on arrival in the camp. He and his father survived for a year in a succession of slave labour camps. They also survived the notorious death marches. They were liberated together at Gunskirchen (a subcamp of Mauthausen) on May 5, 1945. His father died of starvation and typhoid a few days after liberation. His mother survived.

In August 1945, aged 15, Hugo Gryn was brought to Britain with several hundred other young survivors of the concentration camps. Within a year he was awarded a scholarship to study mathematics and biochemistry at King's College, Cambridge. He completed the special two-year course in the summer of 1948, and, together with his best friend, Jonathan Balter, volunteered to fight in Israel's war of independence. Balter was killed in action.

Returning to London (he had contracted jaundice while in Israel), Gryn worked briefly as a biochemist for Glaxo, and then as a teacher in a boarding school. It was at this time that he met Leo Baeck, the distinguished Reform rabbi from Berlin who had survived long incarceration in the Theresienstadt ghetto. He studied Talmud with Baeck, and then accepted a teaching post at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, the one seminary for Reform rabbis that had survived the war.

While a student rabbi at Cincinnati he officiated for several years at the Jewish High Holy Day services at Jasper, Alabama. There he befriended Martin Luther King, marched with him, and spent a night in jail with him. In 1956 he became an American citizen, and in the following year was married to Jacqueline Selby and ordained as a rabbi. His first congregation after ordination was the Jewish Religious Union in Bombay.

While in India, Hugo Gryn befriended Jawaharlal Nehru and learnt Sanskrit. After nearly three years in India he returned to the United States, where he served as executive director of the World Union of Progressive Judaism. From 1962 to 1964 he was senior executive for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee ("the Joint") helping distressed Jewish communities all over the world. Morocco and Romania were two countries in which he was particularly active. He was instrumental in bringing many Jews from those regions to Israel.

In 1964, in search of a new pulpit, he considered becoming the rabbi of Waco, Texas, but accepted instead the position of junior rabbi at the West London Synagogue for British Jews at Marble Arch (also known as the Upper Berkeley Street Synagogue). He gave his first sermon the title, "What is sin?" Soon afterwards he was made senior rabbi. His pastoral work was of the highest quality, his sermons were profound homilies, suffused with a positive optimism and fighting spirit — which was all the more extraordinary, and all the more inspiring, given his terrible experiences during the Holocaust.

Rabbi Hugo Gryn, left, with the Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks at the Holocaust Memorial in Hyde Park

In 1990 Gryn became president of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. He was also vice-president and lecturer at the Leo Braeck College, where Reform and Liberal rabbis are trained and ordained. For 11 years (1980-91) he was chairman of the European Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He was indefatigable in his work on behalf of Jews who had been forbidden to leave the Soviet Union (refuseniks) and those imprisoned for teaching Hebrew. A high point of his life was when those for whose liberation he and his wife had worked so hard, were allowed to leave the Soviet Union, and were affectionately welcomed in his synagogue hall in London.

A man of deep humanitarian conscience, keenly aware of the evils that arise from division and hatred, Gryn took a leading part in interfaith initiatives. From 1972 he was on the standing committee for Interfaith Dialogue in Education, and of the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the BBC and the IBA. He was a co-founder, with Bishop Jim Thompson of the Interfaith Network (UK). Together with Edward Carpenter, then Dean of Westminster, he was active from 1975 in the London Rainbow Group. As a governor of Atlantic College, he organised an annual interfaith conference for students from all over the world, and was proud that from great diversity could come reconciliation and understanding.

He made particular efforts to open dialogues with Muslim religious leaders. He was a vice-chairman of the Spitalfields Trust, through which Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders restored an old London synagogue (and former Huguenot place of worship) to be a centre for the study of minorities. He was a member of the executive committee of the recently formed Maimonides Foundation, established to create links of understanding and co-operation between Jews and Arabs in the fields of science, medicine and philosphy. He was a mediating and imaginative member of every committee on which he sat. He never despaired of setbacks in the work of reconciliation, and was a doughty fighter against all forms of religious, racial and social intolerance.

In 1992 Gryn was appointed CBE for his services to interfaith relations. In the following year he took out British nationality. In addition to his BA and MA from Cambridge University, he held an MA at Cincinnatti, was a Doctor of Divinity at the Hebrew College, London, and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity by London University in 1995 (reputedly the first Jew to be thus honoured). At the ceremony conferring his DD, which was conducted by the Princess Royal, another of the honorands was the former President of Germany, Richard von Weizsäcker, whose earlier denunciation of German participation in the Holocaust had moved him greatly.

Having survived the Holocaust, Hugo Gryn became an important spokesman for the historical record, and for the feelings and concerns of other survivors. He was a vice-president of the 45-Aid Society, the group of survivors who had come to Britain in 1945-46, and at whose gatherings he was a focus of hope and (where needed) comfort. He recently became an adviser to the new Holocaust Museum at the Imperial War Museum.

Hugo Gryn gave of his time unsparingly. As a frequent speaker to Jewish and non-Jewish audiences throughout the country, he combined wisdom with a tremendous sense of fun. His synagogue community of 2,500 families represented only a fraction of those who turned to him for guidance. Even before *The Moral Maze*, more than two decades of radio and television work saw to it that his homilies and his humour became familiar to millions.

He is survived by his wife Jackie, a son and three daughters.

GEOFFREY DEARMER

Geoffrey Dearmer, First World War poet and former editor of BBC Radio's *Children's Hour*, died on August 18 aged 103. He was born on March 21, 1893.

UNTIL the publication of a fresh collection of his work, *A Pilgrim's Song*, in 1993 to celebrate his 100th birthday, the name of Geoffrey Dearmer was not, as far as the literary world knew, one to lay alongside those of Wilfred Owen, Isaac Rosenberg or Siegfried Sassoon. Yet, at the appearance of his first volume of verse in 1918, he had been hailed as "a young soldier-poet whose work has aroused the admiration of critics". His second, in 1923, attracted similar encomiums.

Thereafter he fell silent on the subject of the war, an experience which his serene nature apparently enabled him to put completely behind him. Although his poem *The Turkish Trench Dog*, a parable about a cur which comes from enemy lines to wag a friendly tail at British soldiers, often appeared in anthologies, he never took an acknowledged place in the ranks of those who, soon after the Armistice, became known as the War Poets.

After 1993 this all changed, and it was suddenly apparent that a major poetic talent had been overlooked. His view of the war was more akin to that of Guy Chapman, whose prose work *A Passionate Prodigality* emphasised the mesmeric, almost mystical, side of the great cataclysm, than that of Sassoon, for whom outrage is the first emotion, and bitterness the legacy. The profound silences which hang over the battlefield; the strange beauty of artillery fire witnessed in the night; water lilies on a pond in a shell-shattered wood: the immense courage and unshakeable comradeship of men whose lives are lived on the brink of a horrible death — these are his subjects. Blame of those who are responsible for the catastrophe is not, in his poetry, a concern. And it is that which gives his work its enduring quality.

Geoffrey Dearmer came of strongly literary family. His father, the high churchman Percy Dearmer, Professor of Ecclesiastical Art at King's College London and a Canon of Westminster, was a copious author on theological and artistic subjects and played a leading part in the production of *The English Hymnal* and *Songs of Praise*. His mother, as Mabel Dearmer, wrote a number of novels and plays for children and played an important role in the founding of the Children's Theatre in London in 1914.

Dearmer grew up in Primrose Hill from where he made the daily journey by horse-bus to school at Westminster. His father was then vicar of St Mary's, Primrose Hill, and he grew up in an atmosphere of assurance in the Christian faith which never left him and bore much on his ability to sustain with equanimity the horrors of the world war which lay ahead. From Westminster he went, as his father had done before him, to Christ Church, Oxford. But he enjoyed himself far too much to study with any conviction, and did not take a degree.

When war broke out in August 1914 Dearmer, like many of the public school-educated men of his generation, was full of ardour to play his part. When he heard the news of the British ultimatum to Germany he rushed straight to a Hampstead drill hall to enlist. He was immediately granted a commission as a second lieutenant in the London Regiment.

In the following year he and his brother were sent to Gallipoli. In the meantime his father and mother had gone out to Serbia, where both worked for the Stobart Medical Mission. There his mother died of typhoid on July 11, 1915. Dearmer's brother, too, was to become a war victim, killed in the assault at Suvla Bay in August 1915. In later years Dearmer recalled his own experience of the Dardanelles campaign as being a placid one of tranquil nights and distant bugle calls. His poem *Sentinel* describes the evacuation from the beaches with a sensibility almost as alive to the beauties of the night as to the perils inherent in the operation. Of an exploding shell Dearmer records in verse: "Niagara seemed pelting from the stars."

After the Gallipoli expedition was abandoned, Dearmer's battalion was withdrawn to Egypt. Subsequently he served on the Western Front, an experience which later bore fruit in some of his most characteristic poems, *The Somme* and *Gommecourt*. Like Owen, he was much influenced by Keats and his poem *Keats, before Action* pays homage to this both in its title and in the borrowings from the Keatsian mode in such lines as:

> *A little moment more — O*
> *let me hear*
> *(The thunder rolls above,*
> *and star shells fall)*
> *Those melodies unheard re-*
> *echo clear*
> *Before the shuddering mo-*
> *ment closes all.*

But, unlike Owen's poems, those of Dearmer preserved a Christian view of the trials represented by the conflict. Hope and faith shine through the murk of mud and blood. His poem *Prayer* reflects on the death of his brother in terms which suggest an assurance that it will not have been in vain, and that grief is a shaming response.

After the appearance of his two volumes of poetry, *Poems* (1918) and *The Day's Delight* (1923), he wrote no more about the war. But he did produce a handful of comic animal poems in the postwar period, some of which appeared in newspapers and were included in the anthology of 1993.

Back in civilian life, Dearmer took a job as a reader of playscripts for the impresario Maurice Browne. He was also on the committee of the Incorporated Stage Society which at that time organised try-out matinees of new plays, very often obtaining the services of the best actors of the day for them. As such, he became the "onlie begetter" of R. C. Sherriff's drama of the First World War, *Journey's End*.

The story goes that he was sitting in the Garrick one day when an actor pressed the script into his hand and begged him to read it. Dearmer did so. Utterly overwhelmed by Sherriff's taut study of the reactions of a group of men in a dug-out just before an attack, he determined to recommend it to the Stage Society committee.

Not all its members were as impressed as he had been and when the vote on the play went 3-3 Dearmer threatened to resign if the play was not accepted. He got his way and the Stage Society's production, with the young Laurence Olivier as Captain Stanhope at the Apollo Theatre in December 1928, caused such a stir that it was immediately transferred to the Savoy. Unfortunately Olivier was already contracted to play the title role in *Beau Geste* at His Majesty's for the following year. But the play ran for two years, was translated into many languages and achieved a popularity it has never entirely lost, in spite of its dated public school ethos. In a copy he inscribed for Dearmer, Sherriff wrote: "The production of this play is due so entirely to your determination that it should be produced that your name is the only one I shall always couple with *Journey's End*."

From 1936 until 1950 Dearmer worked as a censor of plays in the Lord Chamberlain's Office which was, in those days, charged with authorising plays for the stage (a function it relinquished in 1968). From 1939 to 1959 he was an editor of the BBC radio programme *Children's Hour*, joining Uncle David and Uncle Mac as the third voice to say "goodnight" to its young listeners.

In retirement he lived in a flat in Birchington, near Margate, until the retired publisher Laurence Cotterell discovered through the BBC pensions department that he was still alive and started an appeal to pay for a new edition of his work. *A Pilgrim's Song*, which appeared in March 1993, included much of his work that had not been seen before, as well as collecting his earlier verse. It revealed a poet of unspoilt freshness and charm. Dearmer himself, hauled out of seclusion to a birthday party to celebrate the launch of the new book at the Imperial War Museum, remained characteristically modest about his achievements: "Owen was the only real war poet, but you see minor poets are lucky. Minor novelists are totally forgotten but if you get a poem into an anthology they remember you."

His wife Margaret died in 1980, and he is survived by his daughter, the Rev Juliet Woollcombe.

ON THIS DAY

August 20, 1908

A letter to The Times *by Henry Rider Haggard, author and agriculturist, attacking the house sparrow for the damage the bird did to corn crops and for its habit of evicting house martins from their nests, drew several replies.*

SPARROWS AND RATS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—As you have accorded Mr Rider Haggard space for a long diatribe against the sparrow, I hope you will allow me to say a few words in its favour.

The only claim I can have for asking is that, as I am now an octogenarian, and having been actively engaged in agriculture from the year 1847, when I was first introduced to that occupation, and now at the present time farming about 400 acres of corn-growing land, I am prepared to adhere to the statement I made in the pamphlet I published in 1903, that "the sparrow is the most valuable of all our indigenous small birds". I am also prepared to state that when the British farmer kills his last sparrow he will lose more by entomology than by ornithology: moreover, there will not be a bird to eat the seed of the knot-grass (*Polygoum aviculare*), which grows too freely on our chalk soil.

Yours faithfully,

Royston, Aug 18. J. P. NUNN.

Sir,—Mr. Rider Haggard's district is not alone with respect to the sparrow plague. From a moderate acreage of corn I shall not lose less than twenty sacks, and this all the best corn, for sparrows are good judges. A neighbour of mine tells me he has used 500 cartridges to keep sparrows off one field. Unless some concerted action is taken the loss must be enormous.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Lyminge, Kent, Aug 19. HENRY RIGDEN.

Sir,—Mr Rider Haggard limits his indictment of these pests to the destruction of human food. Another count may be added—viz, the extermination of the house-martin.

Twice in the last 20 years these welcome little visitors have tried to establish themselves under my eaves, only to be driven away by the pests, who with their strong bills drive away the martin in order to lay their eggs in his laboriously constructed adobe house. In a place like this, with a thousand or so houses to the square mile, nothing can be done; but 12 miles off my late friend Colonel Russell succeeded in almost exterminating the sparrow, with the result that the martins' nests on his house and premises rose from two to over three hundred.

He also examined the stomachs of 1,000 sparrows. He found that, while linnets and yellow-hammers lived on the seeds of noxious weeds, sparrows are the parasites of the grain crop. He admitted that they fed their nestlings on insects, but found that they destroyed no insect which the martin, whom they drove away, would not destroy much more effectively.

ANDW. JOHNSTON.
Woodford-green, Aug 19.

Sir,—I live in a suburban lane beginning with villas and ending in arable fields. As the corn ripens the sparrows leave the gardens, where they have done little good, to take their tithe of the wheat and oats. I have this year seen many ears stripped almost bare. The boy employed to frighten the birds with his gun is soon found out to be as idle a terror as the scarecrow on which they perch in derision.

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Night flight policy was set out fairly

Regina v Secretary of State for Transport, Ex parte Richmond upon Thames London Borough Council and Others (No 4)

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Brooke

[Judgment July 26]

Proposals made by the Secretary of State for Transport in consultation papers in 1995 relating to restrictions on night flights at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted set out Government policy in that regard in a fair, rational and intelligible manner.

The Court of Appeal so held in a *reserved judgment dismissing the* appeal of Richmond upon Thames, Hillingdon and Hounslow London Borough Councils, Surrey County Council, Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council and Slough Borough Council from the dismissal by Mr Justice Jowitt (*The Times* March 21, 1996; [1996] 1 WLR 1005), of their application for judicial review of the minister's decision announced in a press release on August 16, 1995, in respect of night flight restrictions at those airports for various periods from October 22, 1995.

Mr Charles George, QC and Miss Helen Mountfield for the councils; Mr Ian Burnett and Mr Mark Shaw for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said *that in its White Paper on Airports Policy* (Cmnd 9542) (1985) the Government said, inter alia, it was committed to mitigating as a far as practicable the effects of aircraft *noise, and its objective was to* bring about progressive reductions in noise at night by allowing only movements by quieter aircraft. *In order to preserve a balance be*tween environmental and aviation interests, the basis of its decisions would be based on research into *the relationship between aircraft* and sleep disturbance.

Between 1988 and 1993 its policy, set out in a consultation paper of 1987, included continuing to improve noise at night so that disturbance of sleep was reduced, allowing *airlines to continue to* provide some scheduled night movements and encouraging them to continue to invest in quieter aircraft.

It rejected their request to allow flights at night without restrictions. Aircraft were then banded *into three categories depending on* the amount of noise they emitted, the noisiest being banned at night completely.

Pursuant to his powers under *section 78(3) of the* Civil Aviation Act 1982, the secretary of state limited aircraft movements, broadly, at *Heathrow at night* to 2,750 during the summer period (11.30pm to 6am) and 3,000 during the winter period (11.30pm to 6.30am). The actual level of move*ments for summer 1988 had in fact* been 1,830.

In 1993, in order to set a new level for the next five years, a new consultation paper was published, and new arrangements were made to determine the number of aircraft movements by means of a weighting system which differentiated between different aircraft depending on noise emitted.

Although the proposals were set out clearly, in one particular *paragraph dealing with the size of* the new quota, the Government said that in keeping with the undertaking given in 1988 not to allow a worsening of noise at *night, and ideally to improve it,* it was proposed that the quota for the next five years based on the new system should be set at a level so as to keep overall noise levels below those in 1988.

However, no mention was made of the fact that the actual number of night movements at Heathrow for summer 1988 was such that if all the new permitted movements were taken up, overall noise levels would increase significantly.

Mr Justice Laws (The Times October 12, 1993; [1994] 1 WLR 74) set aside the secretary of state's decision, made later in 1993, because the new restrictions failed to specify the maximum number of occasions on which aircraft of the descriptions specified might be permitted to land, as required by section 78(3), but only sought to impose control by *reference to* levels of exposure to noise.

Subsequent decisions by him were set aside by Mr Justice Latham (*The Times* December 29, 1994; [1995] *Env LR 390) for failure* to provide a full and fair consultation process because of the misleading paragraph in the 1993 consultation paper, and the failure to take into account the fact his decisions would permit movements at Heathrow which would *produce greater noise than that* experienced in 1988, contrary to his expressed policy.

In further consultation papers in March and June 1995, and the *decision in August 1995, the* secretary of state accepted that the paragraph in the 1993 consultation paper was misleading, and set out the comparison he was using: he made clear his policies and the proposals based on them did in fact allow more noise than was *experienced from actual aircraft* movements for summer 1988; he acknowledged that was contrary to the policy expressed in the misleading paragraph.

He also introduced a new permitted level of "quota count points of noise" for Heathrow and other measures. For all except the noisiest aircraft, the new regime removed, inter alia, controls that previously existed between 6am and 6.30am on winter weekdays, and had the effect that for the period 11.30pm to 6am, although the maximum number of permitted movements as compared to that allowed in 1988 was reduced, *significantly more "quota count* points of noise" than was experienced in summer 1988 was allowed.

The councils challenged his Au*gust 1995 decision on the basis, inter alia,* that as it involved an increase in aircraft movements and noise, it constituted the withdrawal of a benefit or advantage, that is, the previous policy, from the inhabitants of their areas which they could legitimately expect to be permitted to continue to enjoy: *R v Devon County Council, Ex parte Baker* ([1995] 1 All ER 73, 88).

They contended that the consultation documents failed to set out rational grounds to satisfy the test established in *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374, 408), because, inter alia, they failed to explain:

(i) the reasons for the change of policy which permitted more noise than previously experienced, (ii) what the new policy was, (iii) how the proposals would maintain the essential balance between the interests of the airline industry and local people and (iv) how the noise climate for the whole of the night period was likely to change.

His Lordship said that it was reasonable to observe from the documents before the court a fairly continuous thread of broad government policy since 1985. The evidence showed the secretary of *state, as the decision-maker, took* decisions covering pre-determined periods, every five years since 1988.

What was important, in the way he exercised his powers under *section 78(3), was that people* should understand the policy objectives he identified when he began the decision-making process covering the next pre-determined period, and informed submissions could be made by them about his exercise of power against the policy background.

In the present context, it was sufficient for him to have identified with adequate clarity those objectives. It was Parliament, not the courts, which *should hold him* accountable if it wished to query or challenge the policies he had chosen.

The main thrust of the councils' *criticism was that the 1993 con*sultation paper failed to spell out adequately how changes to certain periods at night, especially the introduction of a broad measure of de-control between 6 and 6.30am in winter, was consistent with policy.

In his Lordship's view the policy considerations which impelled the *change were reasonably clear from* a careful reading of the 1993 consultation paper. Things had moved on since 1987, for example certain types of aircraft were much quieter; also, more emphasis was put on economic factors than had perhaps been evident in its 1985 White Paper.

Such matters were evident to anyone reading the consultation paper; and those in 1995 cancelled out any misleading impression *from the particular paragraph in* that paper.

It was now clear the secretary of state intended to proceed by comparing the permitted noise climate in the basic 1988 summer night quota period with the noise climate he was willing to permit in *the summer night quota period* under future arrangements.

As to the question whether the secretary of state should have explained the changes to the noise climate, in his Lordship's view there was a limit to the amount that it was reasonable to require a *statutory authority to spell out in a* consultation document.

Such a paper was a public document, and the way was open to objectors to argue that the same reasons that had held good for restricting de-control should still hold sway for 1993-1998.

The evidence showed that the secretary of state made clear the extent to which he was consciously departing from previous policy in the 1993 paper. Thus the con*sultation papers set out the pro*posals fairly and rationally in an intelligible policy context, and his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Jowitt in dismissing their applica*tion on that ground.*

Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Leggatt agreed.

Solicitors: Richard Buxton, Cambridge; Treasury Solicitor.

Chancery Division

Debenture restrictions not anti-competitive

Oakdale (Richmond) Ltd v National Westminster Bank plc

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment June 28]

The restrictive terms of an all-moneys debenture arrangement which provided for the lender bank to have control over the *borrower company's* book debts were necessary to protect the bank against the risk that its security would be dissipated by the company over borrowing and were not anti-competitive nor contrary to provisions of the EC Treaty.

The requirement that all book *debts be paid into the* company's account with the bank, far from being anti-competitive, was necessary in order that a fixed charge over book debts which the *company had sought to create should* be effective.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division dismissing a summons issued by the plaintiff, Oakdale (Richmond) Ltd, and granting an order sought by the defendants, National Westminster Bank plc.

Mr Bryan Dye and Mr Thomas Lowe for the company; Mr Richard Field, QC and Mr Mark Hoskins for the bank.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that the company maintained *its accounts with the bank's* Stokesley branch in Middlesbrough. The company's banking facilities were secured by an all-moneys debenture dated June 30, 1989.

On April 9, 1996 the company commenced an action seeking, inter alia, declarations that the loan arrangements under which it was a borrower from the bank were prohibited and void under the provisions of articles 85 and 86 of the EC Treaty and that the debenture was void.

The company issued a summons seeking an injunction restraining the bank from demanding payment or exercising its rights under the debenture. The bank issued a summons seeking an order restraining the company from paying the proceeds of any book debts charged to the bank under the debenture into any account other than the company's account at the bank's Stokesley branch.

On the face of it the effect of the bank's debenture was to create a specific charge over book and other debts, to require the com*pany to pay* the proceeds of its book and other debts into the company's account with the bank and *to restrain the company,* without prior written consent from the bank, from factoring, discounting, charging or assigning its book or other debts to any other person.

The company relied on article 85 to contend that a provision which prevented it from assigning property which it had already charged to the bank as security for further lending by a third party was an anti-competitive provision.

Article 85 prohibited "agreements between *undertakings,* decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices which may affect trade between member states, and which *have as their object or effect* the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the Common Market..."

His Lordship said that the test *was whether the restrictions im*posed in the bank's standard mortgage debenture were necessary for rendering the transaction which was to be effected by that debenture properly operable, or whether they went further than that.

The transaction to be effected by the debenture was an arrangement under which the company agreed to give security over all of its assets for the purpose of securing all-*moneys which the bank then or* thereafter might advance to the company. That was a normal and everyday transaction in commercial life in the United Kingdom.

In order to give security over the whole of its assets, the company created a series of specific charges over those assets capable of being specifically charged and a floating charge over assets not capable of being specifically charged.

The advantages of a specific charge were that the bank's security was not subject to the prior *claims of preferential creditors in* the event of the company's insolvency.

In order for the specific charge over book debts to be effective it *was necessary* to provide for the bank to have control over the proceeds of collection of those debts.

Book debts were transient. They *ceased to exist,* as such, when they were paid by the debtors from whom they were due.

A bank which *took* a charge over book debts would not be fully *protected* unless it could insist that the proceeds of collection were paid *into* a specified account under its control or at least an account in *credit* at another bank to which it could give notice of its charge.

The prohibition against selling, factoring, discounting or otherwise charging or assigning the book *debts was not* an absolute prohibition. The requirement for the bank's prior consent ensured that the bank was given notice of what was proposed and enabled it to exercise *its own commercial* judgment in determining whether what was proposed would prejudice its security.

The prohibition was necessary if *banks were to lend on the security* of book debts. If banks were not willing to lend on book debts the ability of small trading companies to obtain finance would be *curtailed.*

Far from being anti-competitive the prohibition clause promoted competition because it enabled a company to obtain additional fi*nance from* its bank under an all-moneys debenture. Therefore the challenge under article 85 was not *sustainable and there was no* serious question to be argued at trial.

Article 86 prohibited abuse by "undertakings of a dominant position...". *His Lordship said that* the material before him did not sustain an arguable case that National Westminster Bank enjoyed a dominant position within *the market* for lending to small trading companies.

It was one of a number of banks of equivalent or greater size lending to small trading companies *within the United Kingdom.* Nor did the lending terms amount to an abuse of any dominant position which it might enjoy.

The provisions seemed to do no *more than reflect what any* sensible bank lender in that market would regard as necessary to protect itself against the credit risk that its security would be dis*sipated or that* its borrower would become over borrowed and so unviable.

The plaintiffs' summons was dismissed. The order sought by the *bank was granted and it was also* ordered that the company produce an account of book debts collected since April 9 and pay the balance shown into the specified account.

Solicitors: Russell Young, Newcastle upon Tyne; Wilde Sapte.

Cost of saving insurers' money not recoverable

***Yorkshire Water Services Ltd* v Sun Alliance and London Insurance plc and Others**

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment July 19]

An insured under a public liability policy could not recover the cost of *measures taken in order to avoid* or mitigate a loss which the insurers would or might have to meet.

The Court of Appeal so stated in *a reserved judgment in dismissing* an appeal brought by the plaintiff, Yorkshire Water Services Ltd against the decision of Judge Humphrey Lloyd, QC, sitting as *Official Referee on February 5,* 1996 when he determined certain preliminary issues in favour of the defendants, Sun Alliance and London Insurance plc, Prudential *Assurance Company Ltd, Sun* Alliance and London Insurance plc (formerly Sun Alliance Insurance International Ltd) Christopher Mark Swinbank, Colonia In*surance Company (UK) Ltd,* Baltica Insurance Company (UK) Ltd, Provincial Insurance plc, Hallmark Insurance Company Ltd, Chiyoda Fire and Marine Insurance Company (Europe) Ltd, *GRE (UK) Ltd, Commercial Union* Assurance Company plc and Royal Insurance (UK) Ltd.

Mr Robert Griffiths, QC and Mr James Ramsden for the plaintiff; Mr William Crowther, QC and Mr Graham Eklund for the *defendants.*

LORD JUSTICE STUART-*SMITH said that the plaintiff was* a wholly owned subsidiary of Yorkshire Water plc and the sewerage undertaker for Yorkshire under the Water Industry Act 1991. *On February 12, 1992 an embank*ment of the Deighton Tip failed and a vast quantity of sewage sludge was deposited in the River Colne and into the Deighton works.

According to the plaintiff's pleaded case, the nearby operations of ICI were affected. ICI started proceedings claiming that *its property and business had been* damaged. Other such claims were also made or expected.

The plaintiff carried out on its own property urgent flood alleviation works costing £4,601,061 in *order to avert further damage* to the property of others and to prevent or reduce the possibility of similar claims.

The plaintiff claimed that it was *entitled to recover under insurance* policies issued by the defendants to Yorkshire Water plc the amounts for which it might be held liable to ICI and others and also the cost of *the remedial works.*

The defendants rejected the claims on the grounds of material non-disclosure and for other reasons and because they maintained *that the plaintiff's losses were* irrecoverable. The plaintiff accordingly commenced the action against the defendants to establish that the defendants were liable.

*A trial was ordered of prelimi*nary issues which arose from the defences relating to the enforceability of the policies. Shortly before it was due to start, *the plaintiff and ICI settled.* The amount of the settlement was such that the plaintiff's claim arising out of the ICI proceedings could effectively *only be pursued against* the first defendants.

However, all the defendants maintained that, even if the policies subsisted, the plaintiff could not recover its *flood alleviation* claim under their terms. Thus, those issues were determined first, since if the second to twelfth defendants could not be liable to *the plaintiff, the first defendants* would be better able to decide on whether it was worth having a lengthy trial of the original preliminary issue.

The *significant matter* which had to be decided was whether the plaintiff was entitled, by virtue of terms to be implied into insurance policies, to the recovery of the costs and expenses of *the flood allevi*ation works, on the basis that the insured was entitled to be indemnified in respect of expenditure made to prevent or minimise loss.

In his Lordship's judgment, the expenditure in question was covered by the express terms of the policies. However, assuming that to be wrong, his Lordship considered that such a term would be *virtually unworkable. It was not* possible to see how, short of expensive litigation, it would be possible to decide what expenditure of the insured was reasonable. *It was not just a question of* considering whether the cost of the works themselves were reasonably priced, they had to be proportional to the cost of the damage *prevented.*

To take the present case, if the only potential liability was the £300,000 paid to ICI, could it be said that £4 million worth of *alleviation works was reasonable?* One would think not. Yet how was the cost of damage which had not occurred to be quantified? His Lordship did not know and Mr *Griffiths' submissions* had not grappled with the point.

Lord Justice Waite agreed and Lord Justice Otton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave, Leeds.

Council reasons can assist court

Regina v Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough *Council, Ex parte Assiter*

Where a local authority had made a decision as to housing a homeless person on bare advice given without reasoning, it should assist a court hearing *an application* to quash that decision by furnishing the court with reasoning derived from the adviser.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench *Division* on June 24 in granting the application of Enna-Mae Assiter for certiorari to *quash the decision of Kensington* and Chelsea Royal Borough Council of *September 27, 1994* that premises offered to her were suitable despite her claim to be medically vulnerable.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the advice of the authority's medical officer was that "After consideration of all the medical information available to me, I am of the opinion that the property offered is suitable in terms of the applicant's needs."

Where a local authority, in a *case such as the present, made an independent medical practitioner* part of its *decision-making pro*cess, if it was to defend as bald and jejune a report as that of Dr Rogers it was incumbent on the authority to explain to the court, through Dr Rogers, *what it was that moved* him to come to that view.

Nobody knew whether Dr Rogers had accepted the medical evidence and decided that the accommodation was suitable, accepted it but read it down somewhat, or rejected it.

Scots Law Report August 20 1996 Court of Session

No objection in principle to homosexual couple adopting disabled boy

T, Petitioner

Before the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Wylie and Lord Weir

[Judgment July 26]

There was no fundamental objection in principle to an application for the adoption of a young, disabled boy by a homosexual man who proposed to bring him up jointly with his male partner. Such an application fell to be determined having regard to all the circumstances of the particular case, treating the prospective adopter as *an individual* rather than as a member of a class, with at the same time first consideration being given to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child.

In detemining such an application, a judge should not permit his personal views or private beliefs to affect his judgment but should apply public policy.

In determining whether such an application was within the intendment of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978, Scots law should treat the European Convention on Human Rights (1953, Cmd 8969) as an aid to construction in the manner in *which it was used by the English* courts, contrary to what had been held in *Kaur v Lord Advocate* (1981 SLT 322).

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session, so *held in a petition by A.M.T. for* authority to adopt S.R., allowing a reclaiming motion, recalling the interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary, Lord Gill, finding that the natural *mother of S.R. was withholding* her agreement unreasonably in terms of section 16(2)(b) of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 and making an adoption order in favour of the petitioner.

Mr Peter Gillam for the petitioner; Mrs Janys Scott for the curator ad litem and the reporting officer; Mr Robert McCreadie as amicus curiae.

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that the Lord Ordinary had refused the petition for two reasons. The first was that he was not *persuaded that the mother was* withholding her agreement unreasonably. The second was that in his view the application raised a fundamental question of principle *that could not adequately* be resolved on the basis of the information that had been before him.

Factual background

The child had a syndrome that occurred in the children of mothers, such as his own, who had taken certain medicaments as a treatment for their epilepsy. He had abnormal forearms, a cleft *palate, an abnormal left iris, and* was profoundly deaf, unable to speak, and unable to walk unaided.

He had been in foster care in *England until the age of four.* Then, following a favourable report by a guardian ad litem, the English High Court had authorised his removal to Scotland, *where he had been placed* with the petitioner as his prospective adoptive parent. The petitioner had for many years worked as a nurse.

It could be said that all those involved in the placement, including the petitioner and his compan*ion, deserved the support of the* court in meeting the challenges of this highly unusual and very difficult case.

The immediate result of a refusal to make *an adoption order* would be to remove the child from the security of a settled life in a home where he had been for more than 18 months and was happy and well cared for. The steps which were being taken so successfully to enhance his development would be *put at risk, with wholly unpredict*able consequences.

His Lordship could not believe that a court that had regard to all the circumstances, first consideration being given to the need to *safeguard and promote the welfare* of the child throughout his childhood, could properly do otherwise than make an adoption order, so long as the statutory requirements *were satisfied.*

Natural mother's agreement

The Lord Ordinary had held that, since the mother had not replied to correspondence, or *availed herself of the opportunity* of making representations to the court, there was no satisfactory information before the court that she understood that she would be *deprived permanently of her pa*rental rights, or that she might withdraw her agreement, if she *were to give it, at any time before* the order was made, or that the alternatives to adoption had been discussed with her.

In his view all of those matters should have been explained to her, in order to provide her with the basis for an informed decision. As it had not been demonstrated that she had such an understanding, he had been unable to see how the court could hold that by her lack of cooperation she was unreasonably *withholding her agreement.*

In his Lordship's opinion, it was plain that the Lord Ordinary had misdirected himself on that issue. The test was whether, objectively, no reasonable parent would with*hold agreement: see Lothian Regional Council v A* (1992 SLT 858); *D v P* (1994 SCLR 417).

If the question of whether the parent had been provided with the basis for an informed decision was relevant to whether agreement was being withheld unreasonably, the parent would be able to frustrate the whole process by declining to *have anything to do with it.*

That in effect was what the Lord Ordinary had been permitting the natural mother to do in the present case. In his Lordship's opinion the *court could treat the mother's* attitude as amounting to withholding her agreement. The objective test was moreover fully satisfied.

A mother who had had no contact since birth with a child who was so severely disabled as the child and who was unable or unwilling to care for him herself in view of his disabilities, would not hesitate, if she was giving first consideration to the need to safeguard the welfare of the child *throughout his childhood, to give* her agreement to the making of an adoption order where that would lead to the child being placed in a secure home of the kind which could be provided to him by the petitioner.

The position was also similar to that in *H v H, Petitioners* (1976 SLT 80) where the parent had washed his hands of his child and thus persistently failed without reasonable cause to discharge his obligations within the meaning of section 5(2) of the 1978 Act: see *Re B (S) (an Infant)* ([1968] Ch 204).

Report of curator ad litem

On what the Lord Ordinary considered to be the fundamental question of principle, his criticisms of the curator ad litem were *without justification, and they* suggested that he might have misunderstood the nature of that process and the functions which the curator was being asked to perform.

The curator's task was primarily an investigative one, and he was *required by the rules of court to* express an opinion only upon certain matters because they were matters of fact that might require investigation. It was not the curator's function to express an opinion on matters of law.

The Lord Ordinary's suggestion that it was his duty to examine and report upon the question whether the proposal was within the intendment of the Act and with reference to certain judicial dicta had no basis.

But if the Lord Ordinary had wished further advice on that matter, *he could have asked for it.* If he had wished to see the research studies to which the curator referred in his report all he had needed to do was to order them to *be produced to him.*

If he had had questions to put to the curator, such as whether there were any published studies that were at variance with the views in *his report, all he had had to do was* to order the curator to appear before him.

One could only regret that the Lord Ordinary appeared to have *been unwilling to make appro*priate use of the rules of court in *this case.*

The curator had undertaken extensive research, and the way in *which the results had been pre*sented in his report *demonstrated* that he had amply fulfilled the confidence which had been placed in him by the court when he had been appointed.

Fundamental question of principle

As his Lordship understood the Lord Ordinary's observations on this *matter,* which had been expressed in general terms without reference to the particular facts of *the case, he had seen two issues:* whether it was within the intendment of the 1978 Act that a child could be adopted by a person who was a homosexual and was cohabiting with a third party in a homosexual relationship, and, if so, whether the court could never*theless ever be satisfied* that the child's welfare could be safeguarded in such circumstances.

In his Lordship's opinion the short answer to the concerns which the Lord Ordinary *had expressed* was that the present case raised no such fundamental question of *principle.*

There could be no more fundamental principle in adoption cases than that it was the duty of the court to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child: see section 6 of the 1978 Act.

Issues relating to sexual orienta*tion, lifestyle, race, religion* or other characteristics of the parties involved had of course to be taken into account as part of the circumstances. But they could not be allowed to prevail over what was in the best interests of the child.

The suggestion that it was a fundamental objection to an adoption that the proposed adopter was living with *another in a homo*sexual relationship found no expression in the language of the statute, and in his Lordship's opinion, it conflicted with the rule which was set out in section 6 of the Act.

In *In re D (Adoption: Parent's consent)* ([1977] AC 602) Lord Kilbrandon had said: "It is not possible to generalise about homosexuals, or fair to treat them as other than personalities demanding the assessment appropriate to their several individualities in exactly the same way as each heterosexual member of society must be regarded as a person, not as a member of a class or herd."

Intendment of the 1978 Act

In any event, it might be thought that, if it had been intended, despite the decriminalisation of homosexual acts in private between consenting adults, that a person living in a homosexual *relationship should not be able* to apply for an adoption order, that would have been provided for expressly by Parliament.

The fact that Parliament had not *done so was consistent with the* provisions of section 6 and with the attitude that had been adopted in regard to adoption applications by single persons living in heterosexual *relationships.*

The intendment of the Act could be taken to be to leave the question open *to the court* to decide, as a matter of facts and circumstances in each case.

European Convention on Human Rights

In any event, if the application was held not to be within the intendment of the Act, the question arose whether that would conflict with the European Convention on *Human Rights.*

In *Kaur v Lord Advocate,* Lord Ross had held that the court was not entitled to have regard to the Convention either as an aid to construction or otherwise. That opinion had been expressed after a careful review of the English authorities.

It was now established as part of the law of England that in constru*ing any provision* of domestic legislation which was ambiguous in the sense that it was capable of a meaning which either conformed to or conflicted with the Convention, the courts would presume that Parliament had intended to legislate in conformity with the Convention, not in conflict with it: see *R v Home Secretary, Ex parte Brind* ([1991] AC 696); *R v Miah* ([1974] 1 WLR 683); *Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd* ([1993] AC 534) and compare *Anderson v HM Advocate* (1996 SCCR 114).

His Lordship considered that the drawing of a distinction between the law of Scotland and that of the rest of the United Kingdom on that matter could no longer be *justified.*

However, if the court were to hold that the petitioner's application was not within the intendment of the 1978 Act, that would not *constitute* an unjustified interference with the petitioner's right to respect for *his private and family life* in terms of article 8.1.

Complaints that it would constitute a violation of the right to found a family, contrary to article 12, *or that it would* constitute discrimination on the ground of sex, contrary to article 14, would be likely to be held to be inadmissible.

Cases involving homosexual applicants

In *In re D it had not been suggested that the* homosexuality of a proposed adopter raised a fundamental objection which would prevent the making of an adoption order whatever the circumstances.

In recent years there had been a number of cases both in Scotland and in England where an adoption order, or a freeing order, had been granted in favour of a homosexual applicant, including *Re E (Adoption: Freeing Order)* ([1993] 1 FLR 382).

Male children had been fostered with male homosexuals: see *Re W (Wardship: Publication of Information)* ([1992] 1 FLR 99).

There was no indication that the English court would see the issue of male homosexuality as raising a fundamental objection to the application.

Position of the judge

Where public policy stood on homosexuality was a matter for the court to determine from the material placed before it and then to apply to the facts of the case. So the judge might examine such material as the intendment of the Act and decisions *and dicta in* other cases in order to discover objectively what, if anything, public policy had to say on the issue.

In that exercise he was performing a judicial function on behalf of the court. What he should not do was to permit his own personal views, *or his private beliefs,* to affect his judgment. Those views or beliefs were irrelevant to the issue that he had to decide.

Lord Wylie and Lord Weir delivered concurring opinions.

Law agents: Gillam Mackie; Lawford Kidd; *Solicitor to Secretary of State for Scotland.*

Unlawful tolls need not be repaid

Fife Scottish Omnibuses Ltd v Tay Road Bridge Joint Board

Before Lord Marnoch

[Judgment June 14]

Where a lower rate of statutory charge *for a public service de*pended on certain criteria, and a user of that service brought himself within those criteria as a result of adopting a device that complied *with the letter but not the spirit of* the legislation, but the responsible authority nevertheless charged the higher rate, it would be inequitable to require the authority to repay *sums* that it had levied unlawfully, even if the device had been directed to a different objective. It was unnecessary to establish that the device adopted by the user in*volved* illegality.

Lord Marnoch so held, when sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, *he dismissed a* petition for judicial review brought *by Fife Scottish Omnibuses Ltd, by* which they sought repayment of tolls levied by the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board on buses driven across the bridge by their employees between 1991 and 1995.

Mr Neil Brailsford, QC, for the bus company; Mr Michael Upton for the board.

LORD MARNOCH said that if the petitioners were right about the *correct construction of the* Tay Road Bridge (Revision of Tolls) Order 1991, then their vehicles *should have been charged* a lower toll rate than that which they were charged during the years in question.

The question was whether they qualified as "registered local bus services", which were defined as "services registered under section *6 of the Transport Act 1985 for* operation only within Tayside and Fife Regions".

As a matter of fact the services had operated between Dundee and either Glasgow or Edinburgh, *but* they had been registered with the Traffic Commissioner in sub-divisions. Those parts of the services that included the bridge had been registered *as terminating at towns* in Fife.

On a proper construction of the *1991 order* and the 1985 Act his Lordship considered that the "local service" provided by the petitioners was a local service operating between Dundee and either Glasgow or Edinburgh.

Even if his Lordship had been wrong about that be would have accepted a further submission by the respondents that it would in any event have been inequitable for the moneys to be repaid. Mr Brailsford had expressly conceded that repetition could be withheld *on the ground of equity, albeit that* the onus of showing inequity lay on the respondents.

The equitable consideration which was relied upon by the *respondents* arose out of an explanation given by counsel for the petitioners as to why his clients had *chosen to register* their services in the way that they did.

Put simply, it was a device which avoided the application of the Drivers' Hours (Harmonisation with Community Rules) Regulations (SI 1978 No 1157), which would have been applicable to a service in excess of 50 kilometres.

In his Lordship's opinion, it was unnecessary to resolve the question of possible illegality raised by the respondents. Since it would have been sufficient for the respondents to succeed on that branch of the argument that the manner in *which registration was effected* was simply a form of device and had nothing to do with the nature of the services actually being operated.

Those services were quite clearly inter-city services and it was equally clear from the terms of the *1991 Order that there was no* intention to benefit travellers outwith the Tayside and Fife Regions.

The petitioners submitted that, if their services fell within the statutory definition, then they were entitled to repayment, all the more *so as the device had been directed* to an entirely different objective.

In his Lordship's opinion, however, the overall situation was one in which it would have been proper *to deny effect to the device on the* ground of equity even if it were to succeed at the stage of construction of the statutory provisions.

Law agents: MacRoberts; Tods Murray, WS.

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Stockport Col, H400

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

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Be quick on the ball and aim for the £50,000 goal

The Premiership is under way — and some of the world's most exciting footballers have been quick off the mark in making their presence felt and justifying *those astonishing transfer* fees.

But you will need to be quick if you want the added enjoyment of playing Interactive Team Football (ITF), the state-of-the-art football game, this season. The race for the first prize of £50,000 has already begun but it is not too late to catch up. Although the deadline for entries passed on Saturday, *The Times*, in association with Sky Sports Interactive, offers you another chance to join ITF and show your football knowledge by selecting a team from the best *players in Britain* — those in the FA Carling Premiership and the leading clubs in the Bell's Scottish League.

The sooner you enter, the sooner your team will start to *score points — and become* eligible for the prizes. £50,000 will go to the season's winning team selector, £1,000 to the selector of the best team of the month and £250 for the best team of *the week throughout* the season. But you can only start scoring once your team has been registered — so don't delay. There is a Premiership match tonight — Leeds v Sheffield Wednesday — and eight tomorrow. From today postal entries will start scoring as soon as they are processed and telephone entries made by 12 noon will start scoring from matches played on that day onwards. You may enter as many teams as you like.

So what do you have to do? You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager. Study the lists of players in the five categories — goalkeepers, full backs, central defenders, midfield players and strikers — and the price of each. You must select a team in 4-4-2 formation, including one goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players and two strikers. You must pick a manager — who will have a price tag too.

All the players and managers have been allotted a five-digit code. Once you have selected your ITF team, you may enter it by post or telephone, using the entry form below. Then it is down to your players to score the points to take you to the top of the selectors' league. The points-scoring system reflects winning, losing and drawing, individual performance, consistency, goalscoring, defen*sive ability and fair play.*

All matches from Saturday August 17 in the FA Carling Premiership, the Bell's Scottish League premier division and those in the FA Cup *involving Premiership clubs* and the Tennents Scottish Cup involving premier division clubs count for points.

But how should you choose your team? The essential rules *are that you cannot have more* than two individuals (two players or one player and the manager) from any one club in your team, you may not pick the same player twice and that you must not exceed your budget of £35 million. For example, if you select as your strikers the Liverpool pairing of Stan Collymore and Robbie Fowler, that will take up your Liverpool allocation. If, however, one of your selected midfield players, say Paul Gascoigne, leaves Rangers to join Liverpool, you will *then have three at the Anfield club* — but you need not worry. ITF has an active transfer system, which is in operation already, and you will be able to adjust your team accordingly. You *must replace the outgoing* player with one from the same category (a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget. Equally, if one of your players is trans*ferred out of the Premiership* or Scottish League premier division, he is no longer eligible for ITF. Any players from outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division that are transferred to clubs playing in the top level during the season will become available for transfer. Note, *too, that there are several* additional players since ITF was launched.

Your players and manager will win *and* lose you points. Points are awarded depending *on every goal scored and* conceded with three points earned for a goalkeeper or defender (full back and central defender) scoring a goal, two points for a midfield player or striker scoring, three points for a defender keeping a clean sheet (not letting in a goal), four points for a goalkeeper maintaining a clean sheet, one point for a midfield player keeping a clean sheet and all players receive one point for appearing in a match (providing they play for 45 minutes in that game). Any player scoring a hat-trick will receive six bonus points. To secure points for a clean sheet, a player must have played for at least 75 minutes in that match.

Points will be deducted for every goal a defender concedes (one), every goal a goalkeeper concedes (two), every booking a player receives (one), every time a player is sent off (three) and a point each for a penalty conceded by a player, a penalty missed and every own goal scored by a player.

If you have selected Kevin Keegan as your manager, you will earn three points if *Newcastle United win, one* point if they draw and have a point docked if they lose. If Keegan was dismissed or moved to a club outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, you would need a new manager.

Not only will you be pitting your selectorial skills against *other readers of The Times,* you will also be matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), current Premiership *players have been encouraged* to enter sides of their own.

There are two methods by which you may enter:

By post: fill in the entry form below (there is a step-by-step guide provided) showing the team in formation (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to *The Times* Interactive Team Football to Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1ZZ. You will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team. The entry fee for registrations outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland is £5.

By telephone: using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone, call **0891 405 011** to record your team following the simple step-by-step instructions. Calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p *per minute* at other times. Each call will last about eight minutes but will cost approximately double from a pay phone. The registration line for readers entering from the *Republic of Ireland is* **004 4990 100 320**. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed your selection and the selector given a PIN.

All ITF queries should be directed to 01582 488 122.

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FORM YOUR OWN ITF MINI LEAGUE AND GET PERSONALISED UPDATES

This season you and your friends can compete directly against each other in your own ITF Mini-League all you need are four or more people (up to a maximum of 100) and a nominated chairperson.

A Mini-League is simple to set up and costs only £2.50 extra. A Mini-League may only be entered by post. Each player must enclose his or her ITF application form in the normal way (see entry instructions on these pages).

All payments and entry forms must be in the same envelope along with the attached form and your additional £2.50, payable to *The Times* Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1ZZ. You cannot add members to your Mini-League after your initial entry.

The fee is £5 sterling for a Mini-League for entrants outside the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Further details are available from 01582 488122.

Each month, a letter will be sent to the chairperson showing the position of all entrants in their Mini-League.

MINI LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

I enclose all team entries in the same envelope along with an additional cheque/postal order for £2.50.
Please set up my Mini-League.

Chairperson's name ....

Mini-League name ....

I enclose .... entry forms with £2 entry fee each, plus an extra £2.50 to set up my mini league.

Total payment £ ....

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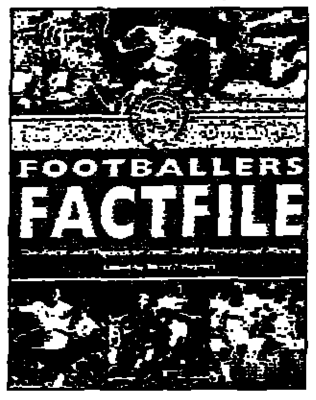
20 SIGNED COPIES OF THE PFA FOOTBALLERS FACTFILE TO BE WON

We have 20 copies of the PFA Footballers Factfile to be won by players who enter *The Times* ITF between today and Friday August 30. The winners will be selected at random and notified by September 20. The PFA Footballer Factfile is the perfect companion for any ITF manager, with profiles on over 2,000 professional players. Each copy will be signed by Gary and Philip Neville.



PLAY ITF ON-LINE

Play on-line to win all the great ITF prizes, including the £50,000 first prize. Plus play for special Internet prizes, such as the £1,000 top prize and the £250 monthly prize. You can also check your position in the internet league instantly, on-line.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Enter *The Times* Internet Edition at http://www.the-times.co.uk
2. Look for the special ITF button.
3. Entry on-line costs £7.50, payable only by credit card. This allows you to make transfers for the entire season.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH Sky Sports interactive

HOW TO PLAY

You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager

You must pick

- 1 GOALKEEPER
- 2 CENTRAL DEFENDERS
- 2 STRIKERS
- 2 FULL BACKS
- 4 MIDFIELD PLAYERS
- 1 MANAGER

Choose your players and manager from the Interactive Team Football category lists (which include code numbers and values). *The total value of your 11 players and manager must not exceed £35 million.*
You must not pick more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club and no player can be picked twice.
Your players and manager accumulate points in all 1996-97 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from Saturday August 17 onwards. Every goal they score or concede counts towards your total. The team with the most points at the end of the season will win the £50,000 first prize. You may enter as many teams as you like.

HOW TO ENTER BY POST

Fill in the entry form on the ball, right (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to The Times Interactive Team Football to Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1ZZ. The entry fee for registrations outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland is £5, which may only be made by post. Once your postal entry has been received you will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team. Your team will only start scoring points once it has been registered. Points scored by players before your registration is complete do not count. The sooner you enter the sooner your team starts scoring.

HOW TO ENTER BY TELEPHONE

You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. You can enter your team by dialling 0891 405 011 (from the Republic of Ireland you must dial 004 4990 100 320).
Then follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your chosen players and your manager in the following order: the goalkeeper, the two full backs, the two central defenders, the four midfield players, the two strikers and the manager.
You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address (with postcode) and daytime telephone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use The Times Interactive Team Football form, right, to record your selections and your PIN. Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about eight minutes. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed each selection. You will be notified of your PIN at the end of the call. No postal notification will be sent.

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

Interactive Team Football has an active transfer system to allow you to respond to changes in form and fitness and to players moving in and out of the Premiership and Scottish League premier division. You may transfer up to two individuals (player or manager) during a transfer period but you must keep to the team format (ie a full back must be replaced by a full back and no more than two individuals from the same club) and you must keep within the £35 million budget. If a player moves teams during the season and it affects the composition of your team, you must act (ie if you have two Arsenal players and one of your other players moves to Arsenal, you will have three players from the same club and will need to adjust it). You should use the transfer line to correct the situation to avoid missing out on points. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form. The transfer line number is 0891 866 968 (from the Republic of Ireland and outside the United Kingdom it is 44 990 200 668). The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesdays to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before 12 noon on any day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches played after 12 noon the following day. You may only make a transfer by telephone. You will need your PIN. New players score points when his transfer is registered.

PRIZES

First prize: £50,000, Second prize: £10,000, Third prize: £2,500, Monthly prize: £1,000, Weekly prize: £250 The weekly winner can also nominate a local side to receive £250 worth of sports vouchers

ALL QUERIES TO
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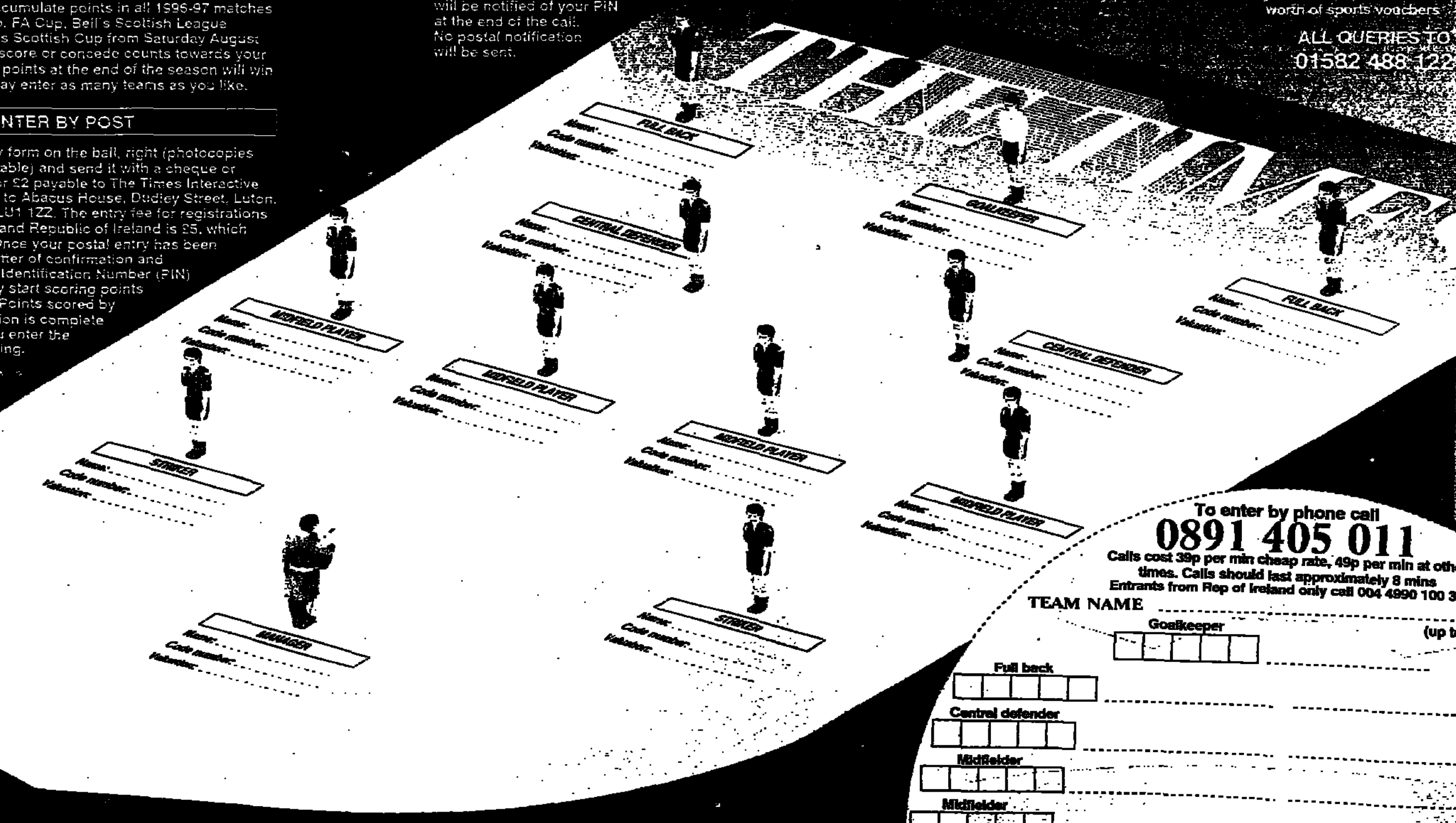

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To enter by phone call
0891 405 011
Calls cost 39p per min cheap rate, 49p per min at other times. Calls should last approximately 8 mins
Entrants from Rep of Ireland only call 004 4990 100 320

TEAM NAME .... (up to 16 characters)

Goalkeeper ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Strikers ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Strikers ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Manager ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

PIN ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Name ....

Address ....

.... Postcode .... Daytime telephone no ....

Send your entries (with £2 entry fee) entrants outside the UK or Rep of Ireland (£5 sterling) to: The Times Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1ZZ

Which age group are you ? (TICK BOX)
(1) 15-24 ☐ (2) 25-34 ☐
(3) 35-44 ☐ (4) 45-54 ☐
(5) 55-64 ☐ (6) 65+ ☐

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HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

All 1996-97 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts
Scores goal	5pts
Saves penalty	1pt
Full backs Central defender	
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts
Scores goal	3pts
Midfield player	
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt
Scores goal	2pts
Striker	
Scores goal	2pts
All players	
Appearance*	1pt
Scores hat-trick	6pts
Manager	
Team wins	3pts
Team draws	1pt

*must have played for 75 minutes in the match
*must have played for 45 minutes in the match

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper	
Concedes goal	2pts
Full backs Central defender	
Concedes goal	1pt
Manager	
Team loses	1pt
All players	
Sent off	3pts
Booked	1pt
Concedes penalty	1pt
Misses penalty	1pt
Scores own goal	1pt

EXAMPLE

Your midfield players scores three goals (3 x 2pts plus 6pt bonus = 12pts), is booked (minus 1pt), misses a penalty (minus 1pt) and plays throughout (1pt) in a 3-0 win (clean sheet = 1pt). He has scored 12 points in that match.

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Study the list of players and managers, assess their ITF values and pick a team to beat the best

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
10101	Michael Watt	Aberdeen	1.50
10201	David Seaman	Arsenal	5.00
10202	Vince Bartram	Arsenal	0.75
10203	John Lukic	Arsenal	0.75
10301	Mark Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50
10302	Michael Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00
10401	Tim Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
10402	Shay Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00
10501	Gordon Marshall	Celtic	3.50
10601	Dmitri Kharine	Chelsea	2.50
10602	Kevin Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00
10701	Steve Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50
10702	John Filan	Coventry City	0.50
10801	Martin Taylor	Derby County	1.00
10802	Russell Hoult	Derby County	1.00
10901	Ally Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50
11001	Ian Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50
11101	Neville Southall	Everton	2.50
11102	Jason Kearton	Everton	0.50
11103	Paul Gerrard	Everton	2.50
11201	Gilles Rousset	Hearts	2.00
11301	Jim Leighton	Hibernian	1.50
11401	Dragoje Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00
11501	Mark Beeney	Leeds United	1.50
11502	Paul Evans	Leeds United	0.25
11503	Nigel Martyn	Leeds United	2.50
11601	Kevin Poole	Leicester City	1.00
11602	Zeljko Kalac	Leicester City	0.50
11603	Kasey Keller	Leicester City	1.00
11701	David James	Liverpool	5.00
11702	Tony Warner	Liverpool	0.50
11801	Peter Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00
11802	Raimond van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00
11901	Gary Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50
11902	Alan Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50
12001	Scott Howie	Motherwell	1.50
12101	Shaka Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00
12102	Pavel Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00
12201	Mark Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50
12202	Alan Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75
12203	Tommy Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75
12301	Scott Y Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50
12401	Andy Goram	Rangers	5.00
12501	Kevin Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00
12601	Dave Beasant	Southampton	1.00
12602	Neil Moss	Southampton	0.25
11803	Tony Coton	Sunderland	1.00
12801	Ian Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50
12901	Ludek Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00
12902	Steve Mautone	West Ham United	0.50
13001	Neil Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00
13002	Paul Heald	Wimbledon	1.00

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
20101	Stewart McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00
20201	Lee Dixon	Arsenal	3.00
20202	Nigel Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00
20203	Steve Morrow	Arsenal	1.00
20301	Steve Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00
20302	Alan Wright	Aston Villa	3.00
20303	Gary Charles	Aston Villa	2.50
20304	Phil King	Aston Villa	0.25
20305	Fernando Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00
20401	Henning Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20402	Graeme Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20403	Jeff Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20404	Gary Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
20501	Jackie McNamara	Celtic	3.00
20502	Tosh McKinlay	Celtic	3.00
20601	Dan Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00
20602	Steve Clarke	Chelsea	2.00
20603	Terry Phelan	Chelsea	2.00
20604	Scott Minto	Chelsea	1.00
20701	David Burrows	Coventry City	1.50
20703	Brian Borrows	Coventry City	1.00
20704	Marcus Hall	Coventry City	1.00
20705	Regis Genaux	Coventry City	1.50
20801	Chris Powell	Derby County	1.50
20802	Dean Yates	Derby County	1.00
20803	Jason Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25
20901	Maurice Malpas	Dundee United	1.00
20902	Mark Perry	Dundee United	0.50
20903	Neil Duffy	Dundee United	0.50
21001	Colin Miller	Dunfermline	0.25
21002	Andy Tod	Dunfermline	0.25
21101	Marc Hottiger	Everton	2.50
21102	Andy Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00
21103	Earl Barrett	Everton	1.50
21104	Matt Jackson	Everton	1.00
21201	Gary Locke	Hearts	2.00
21202	Neil Pointon	Hearts	1.00
21301	Willie Miller	Hibernian	1.00
21302	Andy Dow	Hibernian	1.00
21401	Tom Black	Kilmarnock	0.75
21402	Gus MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50
21501	Gary Kelly	Leeds United	3.00
21502	Tony Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50
21503	Paul Beesley	Leeds United	0.50
21601	Mike Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50
21602	Simon Grayson	Leicester City	0.50
21603	Neil Lewis	Leicester City	0.50
21604	Frank Rolling	Leicester City	0.25
21701	Rob Jones	Liverpool	3.00
21702	Steve Harkness	Liverpool	1.50
21703	Stig Inge Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50
21704	Phil Charnock	Liverpool	0.25
21801	Denis Irwin	Manchester United	4.00
21802	Gary Neville	Manchester United	3.00
21803	Phil Neville	Manchester United	3.00
21901	Neil Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50
21902	Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50
21903	Chris Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50
21904	Curtis Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75
21905	Clayton Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25
22002	Stephen McMillan	Motherwell	0.50
22101	Warren Barton	Newcastle United	3.00
22102	Steve Watson	Newcastle United	3.00
22103	Robbie Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50
22104	John Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50
22201	Stuart Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00
22202	Des Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00
22203	Alf Inge Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00
22204	Nikola Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00
22301	Paul Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75
22302	Davie Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50
22401	David Robertson	Rangers	2.50
22402	John Brown	Rangers	2.00
22501	Ian Nolan	Sheffield Wed	1.50
22502	Peter Atherton	Sheffield Wed	1.50
22503	Steve Nicol	Sheffield Wed	1.00
22504	Dejan Stefanovic	Sheffield Wed	1.00
22505	Lee Briscoe	Sheffield Wed	0.50
22601	Jason Dodd	Southampton	1.50
22602	Francis Benali	Southampton	0.75
22603	Simon Charlton	Southampton	0.75
22701	Dariusz Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50
22702	Martin Scott	Sunderland	0.50
22703	Gareth Hall	Sunderland	0.25
22801	Dean Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
22802	Clive Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
22803	Justin Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00
22804	David Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
22901	Julian Dicks	West Ham United	4.00
22902	Tim Breacker	West Ham United	1.00
22903	Keith Rowland	West Ham United	1.00
22904	Mark Bowen	West Ham United	1.00
22905	Kenny Brown	West Ham United	0.50
23001	Ben Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50
23002	Alan Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75
23003	Ken Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75
23004	Duncan Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75
		Wimbledon	0.25

Fabrizio Ravanelli's hat-trick against Liverpool has earned Middlesbrough's new striker a six-point bonus in ITF

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
30101	Brian Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00
30102	Colin Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50
30201	Tony Adams	Arsenal	4.00
30202	Steve Bould	Arsenal	3.00
30203	Martin Keown	Arsenal	3.00
30204	Andy Linighan	Arsenal	1.00
30205	Scott Marshall	Arsenal	1.00
30301	Gareth Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50
30302	Ugo Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00
30303	Paul McGrath	Aston Villa	2.50
30304	Carl Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00
30305	Ricardo Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00
30401	Colin Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00
30402	Ian Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
30403	Chris Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
30404	Nicky Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50
30501	Tommy Boyd	Celtic	3.00
30502	Malky MacKay	Celtic	1.50
30503	Alan Stubbs	Celtic	3.50
30601	Michael Duberry	Chelsea	2.50
30602	Franck LeBoeuf	Chelsea	2.50
30603	Frank Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00
30604	David Lee	Chelsea	2.00
30605	Andy Myers	Chelsea	1.50
30606	Erland Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50
30607	Jakob Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50
30701	Liam Daish	Coventry City	2.00
30702	Richard Shaw	Coventry City	1.50
30703	David Busst	Coventry City	1.00
30801	Igor Stimac	Derby County	2.50
30802	Darren Wassall	Derby County	1.00
30803	Jacob Laursen	Derby County	1.00
30804	Matthew Carbon	Derby County	0.50
30901	Steven Pressley	Dundee United	1.00
30902	Brian Welsh	Dundee United	0.75
31001	Marc Millar	Dunfermline	0.75
31002	Ivo den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75
31101	David Unsworth	Everton	2.50
31102	Dave Watson	Everton	2.50
31103	Craig Short	Everton	2.00
31201	Dave McPherson	Hearts	1.00
31202	Paul Ritchie	Hearts	1.00
31301	Joe McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50
31302	Gordon Hunter	Hibernian	0.50
31401	Mark Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00
31402	Ray Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75
31501	David Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50
31502	Richard Jobson	Leeds United	1.00
31503	Lucas Radebe	Leeds United	1.00
31504	John Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50
31601	Steve Walsh	Leicester City	1.00
31602	Julian Watts	Leicester City	1.00
31603	Pontus Kamaark	Leicester City	0.50
31604	Spencer Prior	Leicester City	1.00
31701	Phil Babb	Liverpool	3.50
31702	John Scales	Liverpool	3.50
31703	Mark Wright	Liverpool	3.50
31704	Neil Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00
31705	Dominic Matteo	Liverpool	1.00
31801	Gary Pallister	Manchester United	3.50
31802	David May	Manchester United	3.00
31803	Ronnie Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50
31901	Nigel Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50
31902	Steve Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50
31903	Derek Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50
31904	Phil Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75
32001	Brian Martin	Motherwell	1.50
32002	Michel van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75
32101	Philippe Albert	Newcastle United	4.50
32102	Steve Howey	Newcastle United	3.00
32103	Darren Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00
32201	Colin Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00
32202	Steve Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50
32302	Shaun Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00
32401	Richard Gough	Rangers	3.50
32402	Alan McLaren	Rangers	3.00
32403	Joachim Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50
32501	Jon Newsome	Sheffield Wed	2.00
32502	Des Walker	Sheffield Wed	1.50
32503	Brian Linighan	Sheffield Wed	0.25
32601	Ken Monkou	Southampton	1.50
32602	Alan Neilson	Southampton	1.00
32603	Richard Dryden	Southampton	0.50
32701	Andrew Melville	Sunderland	1.00
32702	Kevin Ball	Sunderland	1.00
32703	Richard Ord	Sunderland	0.50
32801	Sol Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
32802	Colin Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
32803	Gary Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
32804	Jason Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32805	Kevin Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32806	Stuart Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32901	Slaven Bilic	West Ham United	2.50
32902	Marc Rieper	West Ham United	2.50
32903	Steve Potts	West Ham United	2.00
32904	Richard Hall	West Ham United	1.50
32905	Rio Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50
32906	Adrian Whitbread	West Ham United	0.25
33001	Alan Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00
33002	Andy Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75
33003	Andy Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75
33004	Dean Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50
33005	Brian McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50
33006	Scott Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25

MIDFIELDERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
40101	Dean Windass	Aberdeen	3.00
40102	Stephen Glass	Aberdeen	3.00
40103	Paul Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50
40104	Ilian Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50
40105	Tzanko Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50
40201	David Platt	Arsenal	4.50
40202	Paul Merson	Arsenal	4.00
40203	Ray Parlour	Arsenal	2.00
40204	Glenn Helder	Arsenal	1.50
40205	Ian Selley	Arsenal	0.50
40206	David Hillier	Arsenal	0.50
40207	Eddie McGoldrick	Arsenal	0.50
40208	Patrick Viera	Arsenal	3.00
40209	Remi Garde	Arsenal	2.00
40301	Mark Draper	Aston Villa	4.00
40302	Andy Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50
40303	Ian Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50
40304	Gareth Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00
40305	Franz Carr	Aston Villa	0.50
40306	Sasa Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50
40401	Jason Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00
40402	Lars Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50
40403	Garry Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40404	Billy McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40405	Tim Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40406	Paul Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
40407	George Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
		Blackburn Rovers	1.00
40501	Paul McStay	Celtic	3.00
40502	Andreas Thom	Celtic	2.50
40503	Simon Donnelly	Celtic	2.50
40504	Peter Grant	Celtic	1.50
40505	Paolo di Canio	Celtic	3.00
40601	Ruud Gullit	Chelsea	3.50
40602	Dennis Wise	Chelsea	3.00
40603	Gavin Peacock	Chelsea	2.50
40604	Craig Burley	Chelsea	2.00
40605	Eddie Newton	Chelsea	2.00
40607	David Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50
40608	Roberto di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00
41501	Gary McAllister	Coventry City	5.50
40701	John Salako	Coventry City	2.50
40702	Eoin Jess	Coventry City	2.00
40703	Kevin Richardson	Coventry City	1.50
40704	Paul Telfer	Coventry City	1.50
40705	Paul Williams	Coventry City	1.50
40706	Isaias	Coventry City	0.50
40707	Willie Boland	Coventry City	0.25
40708	Michael O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50
40801	Aljosa Asanovic	Derby County	2.00
40802	Paul Simpson	Derby County	1.50
40803	Robin van der Laan	Derby County	1.50
40804	Darryl Powell	Derby County	1.00
40805	Sean Flynn	Derby County	0.75
40806	David Preece	Derby County	0.50
40807	Gary Rowett	Derby County	0.50
40808	Paul Trollope	Derby County	0.50
40809	Christian Dailly	Derby County	1.50
40901	Gary McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00
40902	Robbie Winters	Dundee United	1.50
40903	Grant Johnson	Dundee United	1.00
40904	David Bowman	Dundee United	0.75
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43005	Neil Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50
43006	Stewart Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50
43007	Paul Fear	Wimbledon	0.25

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50102	Duncan Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00
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50202	Dennis Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00
50203	John Hartson	Arsenal	3.50
50204	Paul Dickov	Arsenal	0.75
50205	Chris Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50
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50302	Savo Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00
50303	Tommy Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00
50304	Julian Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00
50402	Kevin Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
50404	Chris Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
50405	Graham Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
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50502	Jorge Cadete	Celtic	6.00
50601	Gianluca Vialli	Chelsea	5.00
50602	Mark Hughes	Chelsea	4.00
50603	John Spencer	Chelsea	4.00
50605	Mark Stein	Chelsea	0.50
50701	Noel Whelan	Coventry City	6.00
50702	Dion Dublin	Coventry City	5.00
50703	Peter Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00
50801	Dean Sturridge	Derby County	3.00
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50803	Ashley Ward	Derby County	2.00
50804	Ron Willems	Derby County	1.00
50902	Owen Coyle	Dundee United	2.00
51001	Alan Moore	Dunfermline	2.00
51002	Stewart Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00
51101	Duncan Ferguson	Everton	6.00
51102	Graham Stuart	Everton	3.00
51104	Paul Rideout	Everton	2.00
51201	John Robertson	Hearts	3.50
51202	Colin Cameron	Hearts	3.50
51203	Darren Beckford	Hearts	0.50
51301	Keith Wright	Hibernian	3.00
51302	Darren Jackson	Hibernian	3.00
51401	Paul Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00
51402	Steve Maskrey	Kilmarnock	2.50
51501	Tony Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00
51502	Ian Rush	Leeds United	3.50
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51504	Brian Deane	Leeds United	2.00
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52002	Doug Arnott	Motherwell	1.50
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52901	Florin Raducioiu	West Ham United	3.00
52902	Ilie Dumitrescu	West Ham United	2.50
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52904	Tony Cottee	West Ham United	2.00
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60801	Jim Smith	Derby County	0.75
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61001	Bert Paton	Dunfermline	0.50
61101	Joe Royle	Everton	3.00
61201	Jim Jefferies	Hearts	2.00
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61501	Howard Wilkinson	Leeds United	2.00
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62601	Graeme Souness	Southampton	0.50
62701	Peter Reid	Sunderland	0.50
62801	Gerry Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00
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63001	Joe Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00

Arsenal have yet to appoint a new manager

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY AUGUST 20 1996

NEWS

Monarchy scrutinises its future

■ John Major and Tony Blair have been involved in detailed private talks with the Queen and the Prince of Wales over radical proposals to reform the monarchy.

The leaked proposals include financing the monarchy entirely *from private estate revenues, disestablishing* the Church of England, repealing the 295-year old ban against heirs to the throne marrying Roman Catholics, and allowing the first-born child of a monarch to succeed to the throne irrespective of sex .... **Pages 1, 2, 15**

Holiday children feared drowned

■ Minutes after arriving on a Norfolk beach, two excited children, Jodi Loughlin, 6, and her brother Tom, 4, from south London, undressed quicker than their parents and ran towards the water. Neither could swim .... **Page 1**

Belgians seek help

Belgian police hunting for more possible victims of a paedophile ring spoke to officers in Gloucestershire who carried out the body search at the home of Fred and Rosemary West .... **Pages 1, 3**

Cooler weather

The heatwave is coming to an end. Yesterday the hottest place was Nottingham at 89.2F (31.8C). Weathermen had predicted that the 1996 record of 33C in Jersey would be beaten .... **Page 1**

Pregnant Koo

Koo Stark, the Duke of York's former girlfriend, is expecting her first child at 40 but said that she may never reveal the identity of the father .... **Page 3**

Blair warned

Tony Blair was given a warning that he could face a backbench revolt if a Labour government endorsed moves to end the Civil List .... **Page 2**

DNA tests on boys

French detectives took samples for DNA tests from five teenage boys on the first day of their *inquiry in Cornwall into the rape* and murder of the schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson .... **Page 3**

Burger victim

A coroner ruled that student Peter Hall, who died from the brain disease CJD, was probably killed by eating beefburgers contaminated with BSE .... **Page 5**

War poet dies

Geoffrey Dearmer, *the last surviving poet of the First World* War, has died at the age of 103. The soldier-poet, whose verse was inspired by the horrors of war, died in a sheltered accommodation .... **Page 6**

First among equals

A poll of 105 companies showed that almost half preferred hiring graduates from Oxford *and* Cambridge Universities. Manchester, Nottingham and Leeds were the next most popular .... **Page 7**

Shark study

Eight scientists are hoping to discover whether the basking shark, the second-largest fish, goes to sleep on the ocean floor over winter. The £20,000 study is the first *of its kind* .... **Page 8**

Australian wrath

Australia's Parliament was littered with debris and splattered with blood after a rally to protest at John Howard's first Budget *erupted in violence* .... **Page 9**

Human shield

Human rights supporters cast a *human shield around a church in* which ten Africans are sheltering in to prevent their forced expulsion from France .... **Page 10**

The 'last' geisha

Tsutakiyokomatsu Asaji, Japan's oldest authentic geisha has died at 102, after more than 80 years entertaining the elite .... **Page 11**

Actor 'sees red' over that poster

■ Scott Woods, 42, a Labour voter and actor who plays a serial killer, *knew he was being photographed for a Tory poster,* but said he was never told his striking eyes would be superimposed on the Labour leader's face. "I knew my eyes were going to be *turned red, but they never mentioned* Tony Blair. If I had known, I probably wouldn't have done it" .... **Page 7**

ROGER BAMBER

Bryan Gibson, retired locomotive fireman, examines some of the 237 Crewe-built steam-engine nameplates assembled for the first time from private collections for the 150th anniversary of the London, North Western Railway at Crewe Locomotive Works, Cheshire

BUSINESS

Jobs threat: Receivers were ap*pointed at Chamberlain Phipps,* the shoemaking materials company that employs 2,600 around the world .... **Page 23**

House prices: House prices in every region of England and Wales have either held steady or risen through the summer for the first time in a decade .... **Page 23**

Costain: Costain, the contractor *building the Newbury bypass, is in* talks with the Stock Exchange after finding it is in breach of official listing requirements .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 9.2 points to 3863.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 85.0 to 84.7 after a fall from $1.5482 to $1.5453 and from DM2.3124 to DM2.2996 .... **Page 26**

SPORT

Football: Ian Rush, has been omit*ted from the Wales team* to play San Marino in a World Cup qualifying match. There is speculation that his international career could be over .... **Page 44**

Rugby union: Grand slam tours of the British Isles are likely to be revived with Australia showing interest in facing all four home countries this autumn .... **Page 44**

Football: *Terry Venables, the for*mer England coach, writes on Paul Gascoigne and the game that transformed the Euro 96 tournament .... **Page 40**

Rugby league: Asset strippers from rugby union have taken nine players from Widnes, underlining the danger facing the code .... **Page 39**

ARTS

Demolition man: As the Serpentine Gallery *plans an ambitious reno*vation, Richard Wilson sows the seeds of destruction with an exhibition that literally deconstructs the building .... **Page 31**

Telephone trauma: A new BT kiosk for Legoland near Windsor is far more pleasing *to the eye than the* plastic topped boxes about to hit the streets .... **Page 31**

Shakespeare talk: Distinguished directors have contributed to a debate on the speaking of Shakespearean verse .... **Page 32**

Edinburgh Nights: Kurt Masur and the New York Philharmonic provide exciting concert performances, *while* the Mark Morris Dance Group excels in a production of Gluck's *Orfeo* .... **Page 33**

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Hidden history: The final day of the extraordinary life of Lady Jane Ellenborough, in which at the age of 50 she falls in love with a Bedu sheikh .... **Page 13**

Sinister sight: Anti-Semitism in Europe, day two. Roger Boyes reports on the rise of far Right parties as *Communism fades* .... **Page 13**

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Nobody's perfect: *A survey tells us* that thousands of people are sufferers of "imagined ugliness". How could this be so, asks Joe Joseph? .... **Page 12**

Flattery or quackery? Why do well-known people agree to sit back and be quizzed by Anthony Clare *In the Psychiatrist's Chair?* .... **Page 12**

LAW

Bar none: The tradition of the public being unable to contact barristers *directly* is not as old as many people think .... **Page 35**

Latin lovers: Isn't it time the law gave up its love of *Latin tags? Donald Williams suggests* some Anglo-Saxon alternatives .... **Page 36**

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Even for a man who is used to walking a tightrope, Husain of Jordan appears to be a sovereign who is disconnected both from his regional environment and from his population

— *Le Monde*

TOMORROW

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■ **STYLE**

A square person's guide to clubbing: where to go, what to wear and do

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Preview: Meet the Girl Guides, the biggest female club in the world. *Picture This* (BBC2, 8pm) **Review:** Lynne Truss writes on the moody brilliance of *Out of the Blue* .... **Page 43**

OPINION

The way ahead

Complex constitutional issues, *which go beyond the House of* Windsor to the constitutional monarchy itself, should be heard in the open .... **Page 15**

Dayton deadline

The destruction by Nato troops of an illegal Bosnian Serb ammunition dump is a demonstration that the West will not tolerate further breaches of the Dayton peace *agreement. Such firmness is* overdue .... **Page 15**

Battle of Canberra

Paul Keating, the Australian Labor leader, was admired by Tony Blair and was to some degree a model for New Labour. For true radicalism Australia has had to wait for the return to power of the Right .... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

Photography is used as often as not as an instrument of aggression, intrusion, distortion and malice. There is nothing sacred about the camera or those who use it, because for every injustice it exposes, it commits 20 others. Moreover, it has created a nervous, self-conscious society obsessed with style and image at the expense of reason .... **Page 14**

CYRIL EHRLICH

One expert said that a muscle essential for violin playing was "entirely absent from the female arm" — though that did not prevent a young lady (one of Joachim's pupils) from performing the Brahms concerto in 1893 with a prominent London orchestra, few of whose violinists would have dared tackle the piece .... **Page 14**

OBITUARIES

Hugo Gryn, rabbi and broadcaster; **Geoffrey Dearmer**, First World War poet .... **Page 17**

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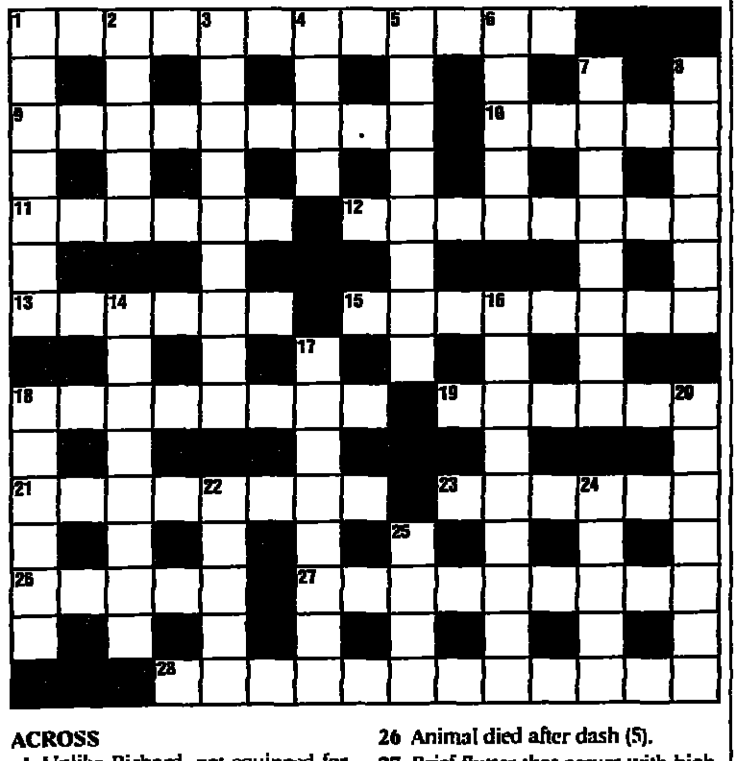

ACROSS

1 Unlike Richard, not equipped for success in court? (5-7).
9 Key used in crack band's performance (9).
10 Ravine makes one pull back with honour (5).
11 Trim a tree (6).
12 Decking covering sailors in an action (8).
13 Humour employed by Henry as well (6).
15 Being shaken about, one is on top, standing (8).
18 Report to some extent rejected as nonsense (8).
19 Piece about Goya's first work, a large canvas (3,3).
21 Father's very skilful, gripping string – William Tell, say (4,4).
23 Pass on motorway turning section (6).
26 Animal died after dash (5).
27 Brief flutter that occurs with high frequency (5,4).
28 Set about party producing a lot of rot (12).

DOWN

1 Anticipated enemy crossing river on cutter (7).
2 Private quarrel might end in this (5).
3 Prolonged depression borne by social worker is acute (9).
4 Issue of American magazine turned up (4).
5 In a frenzy, or doing a dance? (8).
6 Keen listener keeping notes (5).
7 Seen in plain? It's unusual for this type (8).
8 Warlord in army command holding leave up (6).
14 Hooligan displaying lack of refinement following drink? Yes (8).
16 Man at one hundred after I'd put in speech, naturally (9).
17 Partygoer's driver, perhaps, imbibing nothing (8).
18 Club cricket side failing with bat, endlessly shown up (6).
20 Pitch has new design (7).
22 Holy man had us converted (5).
24 They calculate what'll go at tops of columns (5).
25 Cap provided with firm cover (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,250

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Nottingham, 32C (90F); lowest day max: Orsay, Strathclyde, 16C (61F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.56in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, 13.8hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have some dry weather, particularly in the east at first. Western parts will have showers, later extending to the east, some heavy and thundery. *Eastern regions will be hot again but* the air in the west will feel fresher.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be largely cloudy with showers or *longer spells of rain. Western parts will* turn drier with sunshine later. Most parts will turn fresher but the east will still be warm.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England:** clear or sunny spells with showers in the afternoon, some heavy and thundery. Winds light and vari*able. Very hot. Max 30C (86F).*

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N, NE England, Borders:** clear or sunny spells but showers or longer spells of sometimes heavy rain. Winds variable, becoming mainly northwesterly, light. Max 26C (79F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man:** cloudy with showers or longer periods of rain. Winds north or northwesterly, generally light. Max 23C (73F).

☐ ***NW England, Lake District,*** **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Winds mainly southeasterly, light to moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Winds mainly southeasterly, light to moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** showers clearing, becoming mainly dry with sunny spells. Winds north or northwesterly, mainly light. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Outlook:** showers or longer periods of rain, but also some sunny breaks.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.3	0.01	23	73	b	London	12.8	-	30	86	s
Anglesey	5.3	0.01	23	73	r	Lowestoft	11.7	-	25	77	s
Aspatria	7.2	-	27	81	b	Manchester	10.4	-	30	86	s
Aviemore	5.8	0.01	23	73	s	Margate	12.8	-	26	79	s
Belfast	1.6	0.01	21	70	c	Minehead	1.5	0.03	23	73	sh
Birmingham	12.2	-	31	88	s	Morecambe	4.7	0.01	27	81	b
Bognor R	13.4	-	26	79	s	Newcastle	6.4	-	28	82	s
Bournem'th	X	-	26	79	s	Newquay	X				
Bristol	9.9	-	30	86	s	Norwich	12.4	-	28	82	s
Buxton	8.7	-	29	84	s	Oxford	12.3	-	30	86	s
Cardiff	4.1	0.01	23	73	c	Penzance	X				
Clacton	13.2	-	21	70	s	Poole	13.5	-	27	81	s
Colwyn Bay	4.3	0.01	26	79	b	Prestatyn	X				
Cromer	13.0	-	25	77	s	Ross-o-wye	8.5	-	29	84	s
Dunbar	2.1	0.01	21	70	sh	Ryde	X	-	26	79	s
Eastbourne	13.8	-	24	75	s	Salcombe	1.6	-	22	72	c
Eskdalemuir	7.5	-	25	77	b	Sandown	12.7	-	23	73	s
Exmouth	1.2	0.01	22	72	c	Saunton Snd	3.1	-	21	70	du
Falmouth	X	0.13	18	64	r	Scarboro'	10.4	-	25	77	s
Fishguard	3.3	0.01	22	72	c	Shanklin	13.1	-	24	75	s
Folkestone	12.9	-	27	81	s	Shrewsbury	4.9	-	29	84	b
Glasgow	2.5	0.01	24	75	sh	Skegness	X				
Hastings	13.1	-	27	81	s	Southend	X	-	26	79	s
Hayling I.	12.7	-	24	75	s	Southport	6.0	0.01	27	81	s
Herne Bay	12.9	-	27	81	s	Southsea	11.4	-	24	75	s
Hove	11.0	-	24	75	s	Stornoway	0.7	0.38	18	64	d
Hunstanton	X	-	30	86	s	*Swanage*	12.4	-	22	72	s
Isle of Man	3.3	0.08	19	66	r	Teignmouth	1.9	0.04	21	70	b
Jersey	11.9	-	30	86	s	Tenby	1.5	0.01	20	68	c
Kinloss	1.7	-	23	73	c	Tiree	0.9	0.52	17	63	d
Leeds	12.0	-	31	88	s	Torquay	1.5	0.02	23	73	sh
Lerwick	6.5	-	16	61	s	Ventnor	12.8	-	26	79	s
Leuchars	6.4	-	21	70	b	*West-s-mare*	5.0	-	27	81	b
Littlehmptn	12.3	-	27	81	s	Weymouth	11.6	-	22	72	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	27	81	X	Corfu	31	88	s	Majorca	29	84	s	Rome	27	81	f
Akrotiri	30	86	s	C'phagn	24	75	s	Malaga	28	82	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	22	72	f	Malta	30	86	f	S Paulo	21	70	f
Algiers	31	88	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Melb'rne	7	45	c	Salzburg	22	72	f
Amst'dm	23	73	s	Faro	22	72	f	Mexico C	19	66	f	Santiago	11	52	c
Athens	31	88	s	Florence	30	86	f	Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	32	90	s
B Aires	27	81	s	Frankfurt	24	75	s	Milan	28	82	s	Sing'por	27	81	t
Bahrain	38	100	s	Funchal	26	79	f	Montreal	23	73	s	St'kholm	21	70	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	23	73	s	Moscow	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	s
Barbados	29	84	s	Gibraltar	27	81	s	Munich	21	70	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Barcelona	28	82	f	Helsinki	23	73	f	N Delhi	29	84	f	Tangier	25	77	s
Beirut	30	86	s	Hong K	27	81	c	N York	26	79	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Belgrade	18	64	f	Innsbrck	22	72	f	Nairobi	25	77	f	Tenerife	29	84	s
Berlin	22	72	s	Istanbul	27	81	s	Naples	32	90	f	Tokyo	30	86	s
Bermuda	27	81	s	Jeddah	39	102	s	Nice	27	81	s	Toronto	27	81	f
Biarritz	25	77	s	Jo'burg	18	64	s	Oslo	23	73	s	Tunis	32	90	f
Bordo'x	31	88	s	L Angels	21	70	c	Paris	27	81	s	Valencia	33	91	s
Brussels	24	75	s	L Palmas	26	79	f	Peking	33	91	s	Vanc'ver	19	66	f
Budapst	25	77	f	Le Touqet	27	81	s	Perth	15	59	s	Venice	26	79	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	23	73	c	Prague	22	72	f	Vienna	23	73	s
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Locarno	25	77	t	Reykjavik	11	52	r	Warsaw	27	81	t
Ch'church	9	48	X	Luxembg	25	77	s	Rhodes	28	82	s	Wash'ton	30	86	s
Chicago	25	77	f	Luxor	42	109	s	Rio de J	22	72	s	Wel'ngton	10	50	X
Cologne	25	77	s	Madrid	29	84	f	Riyadh	43	109	s	Zurich	23	73	s

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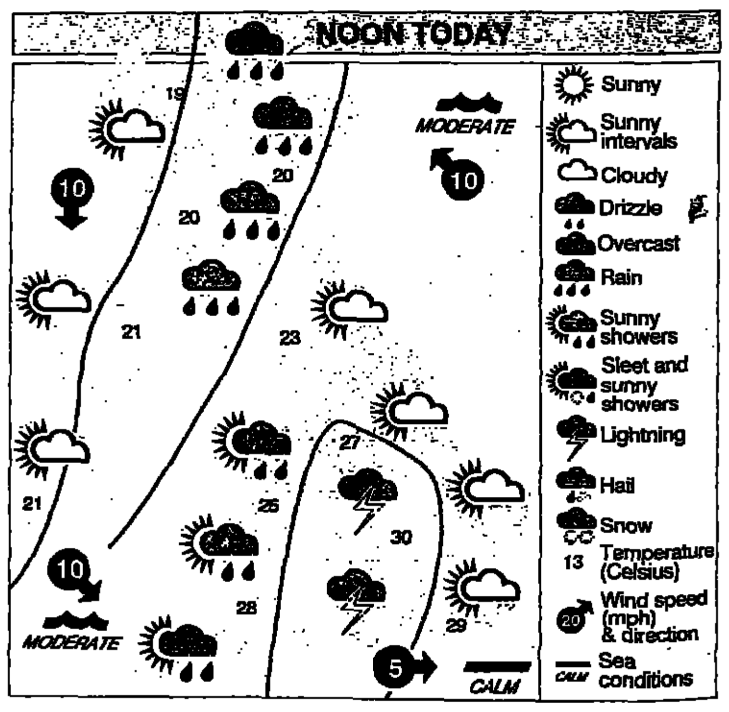

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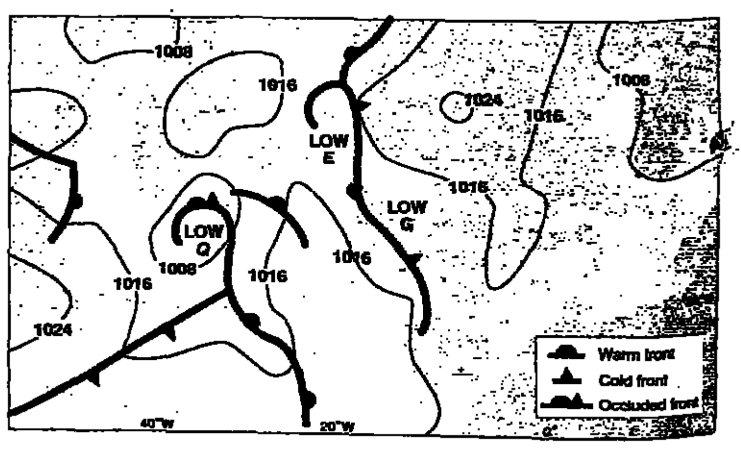

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.14	6.7	5.21	6.5	Leith	6.04	5.1	6.31	5.0
Aberdeen	4.40	3.9	5.16	3.8	Liverpool	2.19	8.7	2.43	8.5
Avonmouth	10.25	11.8	10.41	11.8	Lowestoft	0.38	2.3	12.53	2.5
Belfast	2.15	3.5	2.35	3.3	Margate	3.02	4.5	3.14	4.5
Cardiff	10.10	11.0	10.29	11.0	Milford Haven	9.28	6.1	9.48	6.1
Devonport	9.01	4.8	9.12	4.9	Newquay	8.23	6.1	8.44	6.0
Dover	*1.48*	*6.3*	*2.12*	*6.4*	Oban	8.52	3.4	9.00	3.5
Dublin (N Wall)	2.50	3.8	3.18	3.7	Penzance	7.44	4.9	8.01	4.9
Falmouth	8.09	4.7	8.30	4.7	Portland	9.48	1.6	10.09	1.6
Greenock	3.41	3.4	4.15	3.1	Portsmouth	2.21	4.4	2.45	4.4
Harwich	2.54	3.8	3.05	3.8	Shoreham	2.05	5.8	2.28	5.8
Holyhead	1.23	5.2	1.50	5.0	Southampton	1.49	4.3	2.10	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	*9.31*	*7.0*	*10.01*	*6.7*	Swansea	9.27	8.4	9.39	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	9.10	8.3	9.23	8.3	Tees	7.00	4.9	7.34	[illegible]
King's Lynn	9.38	6.3	10.03	6.0	Walton-on-Naze	2.54	4.0	3.07	3.9

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.54 am
Sun sets: 8.12 pm
Moon sets: 10.40 pm
Moon rises: 12.28 pm

London 8.12 pm to 5.56 am
Bristol 8.22 pm to 6.06 am
Edinburgh 8.37 pm to 5.56 am
Manchester 8.26 pm to 5.59 am
Penzance 8.31 pm to 6.21 am

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TUESDAY AUGUST 20 1996

Costain rule breach a threat to Exchange quotation

Peter Costain: family link

By Jason Nissé

COSTAIN GROUP, the troubled construction company, is in talks with the Stock Exchange after finding it is in breach of official listing requirements because three of its shareholders hold more than 75 per cent of its equity capital.

If the issue cannot be resolved the Exchange could force the cancellation of Costain's quotation, leaving 15,000 shareholders without an open market for their shares.

The group, which lost £131 million last year, has also become a Close Company, as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, because it is controlled by fewer than five shareholders. This definition could have serious tax implications once Costain returns to profit.

The Exchange's "Yellow Book", which covers listings on the full market, specifies that there must be a free float of a minimum of 25 per cent of a company's shares in the hands of private investors. Costain has informed the Exchange of the rule breach and the two sides are discussing how it can be resolved.

The problem has come about as a result of Costain's £74 million rescue rights issue, which went through at the end of last month. This left Intria Berhad, a Malaysian group which agreed to bail out Costain, with 40 per cent of Costain's shares as a result of underwriting the three-for-one issue. However, Mohamed Abdulmohsin Kharafi & Sons, the Kuwaiti builders, objected to the issue and has been increasing its holding in Costain to curb Intria's influence. It now holds 25.2 per cent of the shares.

A third group, Raymond International of Saudi Arabia, partially supported the restructuring, allowing its shareholding to be cut from 19 per cent to 12.1 per cent.

Taken together the three shareholders now have 77.3 per cent of the shares and another 2.3 per cent is held by the bankers to Costain. The family's last representative, Peter Costain, former chief executive, is still deputy chairman in spite of the family's miniscule shareholding.

The Exchange has told Costain that it expects the group to sort out its listing problems, either by forcing one or all of its large shareholders to cut their stakes or by issuing further shares. The first option is considered tricky because of the stand-off between Intria and Kharafi, and the second is felt by Costain's advisers to be unfeasible so soon after the recent rights issue.

No deadline has been set by the Exchange, but it would give Costain at least two months to sort out the problem before taking any action. In the past the Exchange has removed the quotation for companies breaching the 75 per cent rule, but this is an extreme move and would only take place if the Exchange was convinced there could not be an active market in the shares. A spokesman said that it would take account of the interests of the 15,000 small shareholders in Costain before taking any preemptive action.

Costain is still looking for a buyer for its US coal business after a deal with Lonrho fell through.

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Housing recovery spreads to all regions

By Robert Miller

THE housing market receives a further boost today with a survey that shows house prices in all regions of England and Wales have either held steady or risen during the last quarter. It is the first time this decade that all regions have been buoyant.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rics) also forecasts that the number of households caught in the negative equity trap will fall to about 100,000 within the next 12 months. This compares with estimates earlier this year that around 1.7 million households were still in negative equity.

The Rics says it was particularly cheered by July being another strong month for the housing market in spite of the traditional summer holiday lull. More recent anecdotal evidence for August suggests this trend is continuing.

For the first time this decade prices in all regions in the three months to July 31 were reported to be stable or rising, with a national average net balance of 32 per cent of chartered surveyor estate agents indicating increases. At the same time last year, says the Rics, there was a negative balance of 28 per cent.

In a regional breakdown of the latest figures, the Rics says that the market recovery, recently dominated by London and the South East, is now mirrored in other areas. London still leads the way with a net balance of the participating estate agents seeing an increase in prices, closely followed by the South East on 60 per cent and the South West on 56 per cent. In Wales, the North and the North West, however, prices are said to be "virtually static".

Ian Perry, housing spokesman for the Rics, says: "It is a measure of the market's vigour that at this traditionally quiet period many agents reported that there were still not enough instructions to meet demand. All the economic conditions are in place for prices to continue rising, helping those in negative equity."

He continues: "For too long this burden has prevented people from relocating for a new job or to more suitable accommodation."

Most housing market analysts believe that the biggest test of the market's latest recovery will come in the autumn. Fears that interest rates, now at their lowest level for more than 30 years, will begin to rise again, coupled with political uncertainty as the general election moves closer, could again delay people moving house or deter first-time buyers from stepping onto the housing ladder.

The Halifax Building Society acknowledged the concerns of first-time buyers when it announced last week that it would launch a new initiative to guarantee that such buyers, who move between five and ten years after they have bought their homes and who are in negative equity, will not have to foot the bill.

Thorn fails to keep up with EMI

By Alasdair Murray

EMI, the record company, made a distinguished debut on the stock market while Thorn, its less glamorous sister company, struggled to make a first-day impression. EMI shares rose from an initial £14.22½ to close at £14.60. Thorn finished the day at £3.91, down 19p. The two shares finished trading with a combined value of £18.51, 18p above Friday's final Thorn EMI price of £18.33.

The companies were trading separately for the first time after the approval of demerger plans at Thorn EMI's extraordinary meeting on Friday.

Dan Sullivan was accused of failing to keep the board fully informed of the true financial state of the group prior to the chief executive's appointment

Chamberlain Phipps in receivership

By Jason Nissé

CHAMBERLAIN PHIPPS, the shoemakers, went into receivership yesterday after its main lender, Bank of Scotland, refused to back a rescue package which would have involved the bank putting an extra £5 million into the company.

The collapse comes just two years after Chamberlain was floated on the stock market, valued at £75 million, and less than six weeks since Archie Coulson, the company doctor, was made chief executive in a last-ditch rescue attempt.

It is the fourth failure associated with Dan Sullivan, the US investor who chairs Chamberlain. He was accused yesterday of failing to keep the board fully informed of the true financial state of the group prior to the appointment of Mr Coulson.

"You have to take a look at a situation where the profits were getting better and better while the bank account was going south," said Mr Coulson. "The non-executive directors pushed and pushed but did not get the information they needed until too late."

Yesterday Mr Sullivan was "in meetings" when *The Times* attempted to contact him.

Mr Sullivan invested £3 million in a buyout of Chamberlain five years ago. He has been able to take out of it £1.7 million in share sales, £892,000 in dividends and £600,000 in salary and bonus payments since the float and his companies were paid £1.66 million in finder's fee for acquisitions prior to the float.

In its first results after flotation, Chamberlain's pre-tax profits rose from £4.4 million to £12.4 million. The second set of accounts have not yet been produced.

In May the company admitted it had debts totalling £47.5 million but it is understood that this had been reduced to £34 million by the time of the collapse.

Mr Coulson presented a rescue package to Bank of Scotland last week, but it was couched with a great deal of uncertainty about the UK shoe business, which has been hit by the collapse of the Facia group.

"They would have had to put a substantial amount of money in and I am not surprised they decided this was not a sensible commercial descision," said Mr Coulson. The amount is understood to be £5 million.

Murdoch McKillop and Simon Allport, at Arthur Andersen, the accountants, were made receivers yesterday lunchtime. They said they were confident they could sell the constitutent parts as going concerns, so saving 430 jobs in the UK and over 2,000 in France, the US and Canada.

St Michael's double confession

By Anne Ashworth

MARKS & SPENCER, a name normally synonymous with the highest degree of effiency, has confessed to making around 41,000 of its charge card and personal loan customers pay twice.

The errors, the result of a computer glitch, arose between August 10 and August 12. M&S collected two lots of monthly direct debit payments from its customers' bank accounts. The store will not reveal how much money it received, but based on average figures for store cards balances and typical borrowing repayment patterns, the amount could have been as much as £5 million.

As soon as M&S uncovered its mistake, it reimbursed the accounts and sent letters of apology. Most customers had been unaware that they had temporarily enriched the high street chain. Marks's burgeoning financial services division now has 215,000 personal loan customers and five million charge card holders.

Yesterday, a spokeswoman for M&S apologised again. She promised that, if any of the customers who had overpaid had incurred bank charges, these would be refunded. She added: "We have called for a full investigation into the affair and we will be putting a system of checks to ensure that, if double direct debiting happens again, the alarm bells will ring immediately."

There has been concern about the fast-growing direct debit system, which allows banks, finance houses and stores access to customers' bank accounts to gather regular bill payments. Last year, there were 1.3 billion direct debit payments.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3863.7	(-9.2)
Yield	4.05%	
FT-SE A All share	1908.96	(-2.89)
Nikkei	21106.41	(+272.41)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5688.71	(-0.74)*
S&P Composite	665.89	(+0.68)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 3/16%*	(5%)
Long Bond	99 11/32*	(99 [illegible])
Yield	6.80%*	(6.77%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5 [illegible]%	(5 [illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	108 1/8	(108 1/4)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5447*	(1.5475)
London:		
$	1.5455	(1.5483)
DM	2.3000	(2.3124)
FFr	7.8676	(7.9002)
SFr	1.8656	(1.8760)
Yen	166.84	(167.04)
£ Index	84.7	(85.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4875*	(1.4921)
FFr	5.0905*	(5.0995)
SFr	1.2065*	(1.2080)
Yen	107.87*	(107.74)
$ Index	96.3	(96.3)

Tokyo close Yen 108.03

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$20.20	($20.00)

GOLD

London close	$386.65	($386.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Asda chief lifts pay to £3.7m with share sale

By Alasdair Murray

ARCHIE NORMAN, chief executive of Asda Group, saw his total pay package soar to over £3.7 million last year, according to the company's annual report.

Mr Norman sold two tranches of share options last year which yielded a total profit of £3.1 million.

His basic salary, including pension contributions and a £155,000 bonus, increased 8 per cent from £574,000 to £621,000. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, received a salary of £816,000, while Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, enjoyed a pay package worth nearly £1.2 million.

Asda outperformed its rivals last year, increasing profits by 24 per cent to £305 million, while like-for-like sales climbed 12 per cent. Asda's staff, who are also eligible for share options, received a 4 per cent rise in pay.

Phil Cox, finance director at the supermarket group, enjoyed a total package of £1.75 million after making a profit of £1.4 million on share options, while Allan Leighton, deputy chief executive, received £2.85 million including a profit of £2.5 million on share options.

Mr Norman was also granted two million new options last year, exercisable at just 0.1p. A spokesperson explained that these relate to a long-term incentive plan established in 1992 when the company was undergoing a radical restructuring.

John Galsworthy.
Novelist, author of *The Silver Spoon*, 1926.

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Markets await US and German rate moves

By Janet Bush
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MARKET concern about monetary policy in America and Germany should be partly relieved today when the Federal Open Market Committee meets to discuss US rates.

The markets believe that the Fed will opt to leave US rates unchanged for the time being, amid evidence that the economy's strong momentum has begun to slow and that inflation remains studiously subdued. A Reuters poll of 30 economists last week showed that none forecast a rate move today.

The economy grew at a blistering 4.2 per cent in the second quarter but most economic indicators recently have suggested that the pace of growth has slowed. There was a 0.5 per cent drop in retail sales in June and a rise of only 0.1 per cent in July, and housing starts slumped 1.3 per cent in July, the third drop in a row. This suggested that the consumer is beginning to rein back. But manufacturing also showed signs of cooling, with durable goods orders down 0.8 per cent in June, and industrial production up only 0.1 per cent in July.

In July, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Fed, said that the central bank was on heightened surveillance for inflation pressures but, at the same time, appeared to suggest that the threat was not believed to be imminent.

Later this week, the markets' focus shifts to the Bundesbank, which meets on Thursday to discuss German rates. Having appeared to rule out a cut in its key repurchase rate, several high-ranking Bundesbank members last week appeared to leave open the possibility of a cut.

Much will depend on German money supply figuresfor July, due out tomorrow, whose growth is expected to have dropped significantly from the annual rate of 9.6 per cent in June.

The markets are hoping for a move on Thursday but there is still lingering scepticism. In recent months the Bundesbank has seemed to talk up the possibility of a rate cut and then disappointed expectations.

New scheme to sharpen skill for job applications

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE Department for Education and Employment will today launch a £6 million programme to target people who have been unemployed for more than three months with a package of measures to improve job application skills.

The scheme, called Jobsearch Plus, has been devised to back up the Jobseekers Allowance, the tougher set of unemployment benefit regulations which come into force in October. Then, jobless people claiming benefit will face far more scrutiny over their attempts to find work and may suffer suspension of their payments. Claimants will have to sign a contract to receive benefit in which they are bound by requirements stipulated by a benefits officer which will include the number of job applications per week they must make. Under the Jobseekers Allowance unemployed people can be ordered to apply for a job, or have their benefit halted.

Jobsearch Plus will be voluntary, although it is possible that people may be instructed to undertake it as part of their initial contracts, and will offer a three-day seminar for claimants who have been unemployed for 13 weeks. The instruction will concentrate on jobseeking skills, such as writing applications, compiling CVs and interview techniques.

Eric Forth, employment minister, said: "Jobsearch Plus targets jobseekers who, after three months of unemployment, may feel that their jobseeking skills are flagging and who need help to increase their chances of getting work... Unemployment can be a demoralising experience and this programme will improve those skills which are vital for finding work." The scheme will be open to jobless people who have been claiming between 13 weeks and six months. After six months other programmes are available.

Those out of work for more than 13 weeks are forced to widen their search to jobs outside their chosen profession or the work they are skilled in. There are 1.5 million people who have been unemployed for more than 13 weeks, more than 70 per cent of the total jobless number. There are 335,500 people who have been unemployed between 13 weeks and six months.

According to the Department for Education and Employment, half of those who become unemployed find work within three months and two thirds within six months.

Jobsearch Plus, which will run at Jobcentres and training centres, will focus on setting two job goals, identifying potential employers, preparing a CV, and preparing for interviews.

Change of plan for TH site

By Carl Mortished

CHELSFIELD and Godfrey Bradman, the developers, are seeking to build a £400 million waterside leisure and retail complex next to Paddington Station on a site formerly owned by Trafalgar House.

Chelsfield, the property group headed by Elliott Bernerd, has teamed up with the former head of Rosehaugh to develop the 12-acre site in Paddington Basin. European Land & Development, their joint vehicle, paid Kvaerner, Trafalgar's parent, £3 million for a 999-year lease from British Waterways, the freeholder.

The new master plan for the site envisages more residential units.

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Wheel of fortune: Lee Newbon, chief executive of Tinsley Robor, left, and Shaun Lawson are adding a packaging facility

Ten bidders vie to take over Kepit

By Robert Miller

INDEPENDENT directors of Kleinwort Benson's £500 million European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) are considering takeover offers from ten investment houses.

These are believed to include bids from. Guinness Flight, Fleming, Morgan Grenfell and Fidelity, as well as one from Kleinwort Benson, Kepit's present managers. The bidders are also believed to include Henderson Touche Remnant's smaller European Growth Investment Trust (Treg), whose earlier bid for Kepit and the offer to liquidate the portfolio and give the money back to shareholders, sparked yesterday's deadline for offers.

Kepit's shares trade at a substantial discount to the net asset value of the underlying portfolio. Merrill Lynch is evaluating each bid.

Loyalty knocks societies' profits

By Robert Miller

TWO building societies committed to mutuality yesterday disclosed the cost of offering members better savings rates and long-term loyalty bonuses.

Profits from both the Coventry, the UK's 13th largest building society, and the Newcastle fell in the six months to June 30.

The Coventry, which reported that total assets grew to £3.6 billion (£3.3 billion), said that pre-tax profits fell £4 million to £14 million. The society added that its Members Benefits package would deliver benefits worth £20 million in a full year.

Long-term borrowers with a Coventry mortgage for more than five years are given a home loan rate of 6.24 per cent against an industry average standard variable rate of 6.99 per cent. The society said that as a result of its more competitive savers' rates the Coventry attracted almost £93 million in additional retail funds.

Newcastle Building Society saw half-year pre-tax profits fall to £6.4 million against £7.3 million last time and said its 0.5 per cent discount for long-term borrowers would cost £870,000 at the full-year stage. Provisions for bad and doubtful debt rose to £1.3 million against £1 million last year.

Newcastle reported record net savings of £73 million, while total assets grew by £38 million to £1.4 billion.

☐ Skipton Building Society yesterday announced that half-year pre-tax profits rose to £14.1 million against £12 million in the same period last year. Assets increased to £2.93 billion (£2.85 billion). Leeds & Holbeck lifted half-year pre-tax profits by 10 per cent to £9.2 million.

Tinsley expands in Austria

TINSLEY ROBOR, supplier of packaging to the music and multimedia publishing industries, is expanding in mainland Europe with the £1.1 million purchase of Reischl Druck in Austria (Martin Barrow writes).

The acquisition takes place in response to Sony's invitation to establish a packaging facility close to its two CD pressing plants in the Salzburg area. Sony has guaranteed a sales volume that should load the new factory for the next three years.

Shaun Lawson, chairman, said the acquisition was unlikely to have a positive impact in the current year but would lend confidence for future periods. Addressing the company's annual meeting he restated an early warning that the first half of the current year would be affected by the lack of large orders and losses arising from the relocation of the Dublin factory.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hard-hit Hibernian raises its interim

STIFF competition and increased claims resulted in a sharp fall in interim pre-tax profits at Hibernian Group, the Irish insurance company, to Ir£13.02 million from Ir£19.21 million a year ago. Despite the poor performance, which saw earnings slide to Ir17.2p a share from Ir23.18p for the six months to June 30, the company announced an 11 per cent increase in the interim dividend to Ir3.1p.

Adrian Daly, chief executive, said the results were "satisfactory in markets which remain intensely competitive". Hibernian's biggest market, general insurance in Ireland, saw a two per cent drop in written premiums to Ir£86.7 million and an underwriting loss of Ir£7.69 million. In Britain claims arising from bombs in Manchester and London accounted for £450,000 of a £1.34 million operating loss. The international reinsurance and fund management sector saw profits rise to Ir£1.84 million from just over Ir£1 million last year, reflecting good property results.

Michael Page excels

MICHAEL PAGE reinforced its position as the City's leading recruitment consultancy yesterday with its interim results for the six months to June 30. Group pre-tax profits rose by 79 per cent to £14 million, lifted by profits of £4.81 million from its overseas subsidiaries. Its UK City operations delivered the strongest performance, lifting divisional profits by 70 per cent. Overall sales were 40 per cent ahead at £67.6 million. An interim dividend of 2p (1.1p) will be paid on on November 11, from earnings which grew from 8.21p to 14.28p. Its shares leapt 28p to an all-time high of 345p yesterday.

Biotech network plan

BRITISH BIOTECH has taken an important step towards establishing a European sales network, with the appointment of Pam Kirby as director of international operations. Among the first tasks for Dr Kirby, for the last eight years head of the UK arm of Astra, the Swedish drug company, will be the recruitment of managers to run the sales teams planned for France, Italy, Germany and Spain. British Biotech hopes to launch its first drug, a treatment for acute pancreatitis, in early 1998, and to follow that in 1999 with marimastat, the cancer drug. Dr Kirby, 42, will join the company in two weeks' time.

Glencar to raise stake

GLENCAR, the Dublin exploration company, plans to become a majority shareholder in the Wassa gold mining project in Ghana by paying a little more than $12.2 million for an additional 15.7 per cent stake. The company currently holds 45.2 per cent of Wassa Holdings Ltd, which owns 90 per cent of a large gold mining lease in the west of Ghana. The Ghanaian Government holds a 10 per cent stake. The other major holders in Wassa are Moydow (39.1 per cent) and the Emerging Markets Gold Fund (15.7 per cent). The plan will be put to Glencar shareholders at an extraordinary meeting before October 1.

Irish car sales advance

CAR sales in the Irish Republic jumped almost 4,000 in April compared with the same month last year, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistics Office in Dublin. The April total of 14,280 continues the steady upward trend established in earlier months. Overall vehicle sales were 16,900, up from 12,050 in April 1995. Ireland's buoyant economy and a scrappage scheme, under which owners of old cars who trade in their vehicles for new models get Ir£1,000 off registration costs, is fuelling the increased demand.

Smith buys Dickinson

DAVID S SMITH, the packaging, paper and office products group, is buying John Dickinson Stationery, a UK producer of envelopes and stationery, from Biber Holdings, the Swiss industrial group, for about £18 million. Dickinson, which is based near Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, has annual turnover of £50 million but has traded at a loss throughout the 1990s. Its activities will be combined with Spicers, the Smith subsidiary engaged in the manufacture of stationery.

French rate unchanged

THE Bank of France left its official interest rates unchanged during a money market operation yesterday. The repurchase rate remains at 4.75 per cent and the tender rate at 3.55 per cent. The bank last reduced its five-to-ten day repurchase rate by 15 basis points to 4.75 per cent on August 1. The tender rate was set at 3.55 per cent on July 4. The operation came as financial markets speculate of a possible cut in German interest rates when the Bundesbank's policymaking central council meets on Thursday.

Headlam acquires rival

HEADLAM GROUP, the fabrics company, is acquiring Sundour Fabrics from Courtaulds Textiles for £2.7 million. Sundour, with annual sales of about £13 million, operates in markets that are currently served by Headlam's existing fabrics business. Internal management accounts show net assets of about £3.5 million at June 30 and an operating loss of £83,000 for the six months to June 30. Headlam shares were unchanged at 277p yesterday.

Mannesmann ahead

MANNESMANN, the German industrial group, increased profits 27.6 per cent to DM180 million after tax in the six months to June 30. The company attributed the rise in the half-year profit to improvements in the telecommunications and auto divisions. Revenue for the period rose 2 per cent to DM15.5 billion. For the year as a whole, Mannesmann said it expected to register a slight improvement in operating profits above the DM911 million it reported in 1995.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CLAY nee NASON, MARY MARGARET CLAY nee NASON Widow late of Chiswick, London W4 died at Isleworth, Middlesex on 16th August 1995.
(Estate about £6,000)
COHEN otherwise BURCHELL, NANCY NANETTA COHEN otherwise NANCY NANETTA BURCHELL otherwise NANETTE NANCY BURCHELL Spinster late of Saltdean, East Sussex died there on 21 February 1996
(Estate about £30,000)
DAVIES nee WEST, BARBARA KATHLEEN ACTON DAVIES otherwise BARBARA KATHLEEN DAVIES nee WEST Widow late of Brixton, London SW2 died at Camberwell, London SE5 on 15 July 1996
(Estate about £15,000)
DAVIES, HOWARD MERLIN PETER DAVIES late of Bournemouth, Dorset died there on 12 April 1996
(Estate about £200,000)
GILLEN otherwise GILLAN, MAGGIE KATE GILLEN otherwise MARGARET KATE GILLAN otherwise MARGARET GILLAN Spinster late of Golders Green, London NW11 died there on 19 February 1992
(Estate about £6,000)
HANNAH, WILLIAM HANNAH Late of Holloway, London N7 died there on 13 April 1994
(Estate about £11,000)
HUNT, ALAN THOMAS WILLIAM HUNT otherwise ALAN THOMAS HUNT late of Hornchurch, Essex died at Romford, Essex on 6 April 1996
(Estate about £15,000)
POWELL, JOAN FLORENCE POWELL Spinster late of Brentwood, Essex died there on 11 February 1996
(Estate about £6,500)
PYNE, BERTIE PYNE Late of Cardiff, South Glamorgan died there on or about 4 November 1995
(Estate about £11,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
OSWIN nee BRUCKMAIER, MARIA JOHANNA OSWIN nee BRUCKMAIER late of Coventry, West Midlands died there on 9 May 1996
(Estate about £27,000)
The husband and kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1Y 9JS, falling which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

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Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Charities Aid Foundation Balanced Growth Fund
Scheme for the amendment of previous Scheme
Reference: AS-803287/24041-L(Ldn)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Charities Aid Foundation, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Charities Aid Foundation Income Fund
Scheme for the amendment of previous Scheme
Reference: AS-803288/48376-L(Ldn)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Charities Aid Foundation, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF
Andrews Optical Company Limited
Company No: 1261409
Registered Office: C/o Wilson Pitts, Devonshire House, 38 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2ED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the Beverly Arms Hotel, North Bar Within, Beverley, HU17 8DD on 20 August 1996 at 2.00pm for the purpose of dealing with Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act.
A full list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Wilson Pitts Devonshire House, 38 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2ED between 10.00a.m and 4.00p.m on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board,
M. Hodgson, Director
Dated 13th August 1996

LICENSING ACT 1964
TO THE CLERK TO THE RICHMOND LICENSING JUSTICES.
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE C/O LICENSING OFFICER RICHMOND POLICE STATION 8 RED LION STREET, RICHMOND, SURREY.
TO THE CLERK TO THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES
TO THE L.F.C.D.A. NORTH WEST FIRE PREVENTION 1ST FLOOR MARION HOUSE, 61/63 STAINES ROAD, HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX TW3 3JQ
I, KI YUEN RONNIE AU and WAI KWAN AU the applicants now residing at 51 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Restaurateurs HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions to be held at the Magistrates Court at the Court House, Parkshot, Richmond, Surrey on Thursday 5th September 1996 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for a justices off licence authorising us to sell intoxicating liquor namely beers, cider and wine for the consumption off the premises situate at 51 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey and known by the sign of "The Golden Palace" of which premises Mr Ki Yuen Ronnie Au is the Leasehold owner.
AND IT is our intention to apply to the Justices to insert in such a Licence a condition that the part of the licenced premises described in the deposited plan as "off sales department" being a part of the licensing premises which is structually adapted for the sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises and shall not be used for the sale or supply of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises.
Dated this 6th day of august 1996
DIXON WARD
16 THE GREEN
RICHMOND
SURREY
TW9 1QD
Solicitors and authorised Agents on behalf of the Applicants

NEW AGE HOMES LIMITED
Registered Number: 2504032.
Nature of business: Construction. Trade Classification: 22.
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 14th August 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC.
Joint Administrative Receivers: David A Rolph and Peter A Lawrence (Office holder Nos: 5930 and 6829) both of Moore Stephens Booth White, 1 Snow Hill London, EC1A 2DH

CM PROPERTY LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 2122724
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above company intends to make a distribution to the creditors within four months after 20 September 1996. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 20 September 1996 which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator, proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated: 9 August 1996
R Smith - Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
VICTORY ELECTRICAL SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 4th September 1996 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 12th day of August 1996
By Order of the Board
A MCLAREN, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HI-VOLT BATTERY CO. LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at The Bolton Moat House Hotel, 1 Higher Bridge Street Bolton on the 22nd day of August 1996 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.
During the period before the date of the meeting G N Ratcliffe ACA of Ratcliffe & Co Peel House 2 Chorley Old Road Bolton BL1 3AA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 13th day of August 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
WE, FRANCISCO JOSE PINTO NUNES now residing at 128 Long Drive, East Acton, London W3 having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Manager, and JOSE PUMAR ROMERO now residing at 40 Clarendon Walk, Lancaster West Estate, London W11 1SN, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Assistant Manager, do hereby give you notice that it is our intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said District to be held at the Court House, 181 Talgarth Road, Hammersmith, London W6, on the 4th day of September 1996 for the grant to us of a Justices' Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption On the premises situate at 27 Elkstone Road, London W.10. and to be known by the sign of the Sporting Club of London of which premises Marcelino Group of Companies Limited are the owners.
AND it is our intention to apply to the Licensing Justices to insert in such Licence the following conditions:
1. Sales to Members Only
2. No Off Sales.
3. No Occasional Licences to be applied for.
DATED the 8th day of August 1996
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD.
Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

CINQUE CRYOGENICS TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 23rd August 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, of 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Japanese trade surplus narrows

From a Correspondent in Tokyo

JAPAN'S trade surplus fell by nearly 38 per cent in July as surging imports continued to shrink the country's trade imbalance. But the politically sensitive surplus with the United States showed only a modest fall.

Japan's overall customs-cleared trade surplus fell 37.7 per cent from a year earlier to Y504.03 billion (about £3 billion) last month, while the surplus with the US fell 4.5 per cent to Y316.71 billion.

Economists said the figures, which were in line with expectations, confirmed a well-established trend of rising imports. But the scale of the shrinkage in the surplus was less dramatic than in some recent months, as a fall in the value of the yen has helped exports to pick up pace.

Jesper Koll, head of research at J P Morgan in Tokyo, said: "Basically the number is very good. It shows that imports continue to be sucked into the Japanese economy. However, what you are starting to see is that Japanese exports are being pulled higher by one year of yen depreciation."

This was the twentieth consecutive month of year-on-year decline in the overall surplus and seventeenth consecutive month of decline in the surplus with the US.

Banks feel the heat as new cards launched

Shops site enters plastic war

By Robert Miller

A CREDIT card war is set to flare up as high street banks battle to hold market share in the face of an onslaught by a new generation of lenders.

Another two credit cards were launched yesterday, with Lakeside, the largest shopping centre in the South of England, offering its own Visa card, and Royal Bank of Scotland linking up with American Airlines to promote the Royal Bank AAdvantage MasterCard.

Fernando Agos, an analyst at Datamonitor, the management consultancy, says in a UK credit card market is diversifying. Although profitable niche markets exist for major issuers, they are losing too large a share of the mass market and a stronger response to the price war initiated by new entrants is inevitable.

He adds: "NatWest's deal with Tesco offers it access to a large customer base, protecting the economies of scale it needs to compete in the credit card market in the long-term."

Datamonitor says that new entrants such as MBNA Bank and Beneficial Bank have gained a significant market share from the high street bank issuers with no-fees, no-frills, low interest credit cards. By operating from low-cost sites, concludes Datamonitor, they make use of affinity groups and partnerships with non-financial services companies to attract new clients.

According to the Association for Payment Clearing Services the number of cardholders has risen to an historic peak, with

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.06	1.90
Austria Sch	17.26	15.76
Belgium Fr	50.62	46.32
Canada $	2.234	2.074
Cyprus Cyp£	0.749	0.694
Denmark Kr	9.51	8.71
Finland Mkk	7.50	6.85
France Fr	8.30	7.65
Germany Dm	2.47	2.26
Greece Dr	384	359
Hong Kong $	12.62	11.62
Iceland	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.27	4.62
Italy Lira	2460	2305
Japan Yen	181.50	165.50
Malta	0.596	0.541
Netherlds Gld	2.745	2.515
New Zealand $	2.40	2.18
Norway Kr	10.51	9.71
Portugal Esc	248.00	229.50
S Africa Rd	7.62	6.82
Spain Pta	201.50	188.50
Sweden Kr	10.90	10.10
Switzerland Fr	2.01	1.83
Turkey Lira	136000	128000
USA $	1.647	1.517

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank

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Making sure the AIM is true

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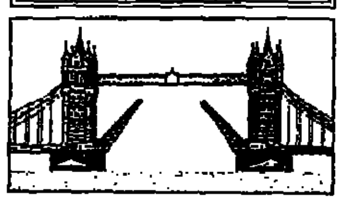

☐ WHEN the Stock Exchange set up the Alternative Investment Market more than a year ago, the idea was to avoid a crook's playground where spivvy second-rate brokers peddled fly-by-night companies to greedy and over-credulous investors.

We have not got to that state of affairs yet. But the Exchange is going to have to take some swift remedial action if it is to be avoided, and the Exchange's record on swift remedial action is not a good one. The idea behind AIM was that the escalating cost of gaining a main market listing, £500,000 at least, had put this beyond the purses of most small companies. This cost had been soaring as the requirements of disclosure, verification and the other legal hoops debutantes must leap through became more onerous. At the same time, the former shares kindergarten, the Unlisted Securities Market, was on Death Row, killed off by Euro-legislation. The various alternatives, such as trading shares on a matched bargain basis, had been discredited.

There is a crying need for a form of listing for smaller companies with little track record and few profits as yet, but possibly world-beating ideas that need funding. Venture capital is too expensive a route. A kindergarten ought by rights be unaffected by turmoils on the main market, sophisticated investors being more concerned with long-term value than where their investments might be a month or two hence.

In the event, regulation of AIM was loaded onto brokers or other financial advisers bringing the company to market. If they felt all was well and went ahead, they put their reputations on the line, and this would keep down costs to their clients.

Unfortunately what has happened is that large brokers such as BZW and UBS, having by now used AIM to find homes for existing clients where needed, are no longer interested. The risk to their reputation is too high, the fees too small. This has left the field clear for the smaller players, and some have acquired unenviable reputations. Many have large private client lists they pillage ruthlessly for new victims. Some prospectuses sent to these bear none of the prominent "wealth warnings" that had been proposed.

Furthermore, one small broker has the distinction of running into some sort of trouble over fully half the companies it has brought to market, or at least attempted to — one listing had to be pulled when a regulatory authority took an unhealthy interest in earlier share dealings. The Stock Exchange is conducting a review into AIM over the next couple of months, and will shortly name an outside consultant — described as a "very senior level corporate financier". The Exchange has the right to ban an adviser from AIM sponsorship. This would mean the listings of all its clients would have to be withdrawn, if alternative sponsors cannot be found. A few condign disqualifications would now seem in order.

Corporate loyalty — Japanese style

☐ EXTRAORDINARY times in Japan, where six years of economic hardship are requiring even the banks to open up to the outside. The latest set of trade figures shows that the recent depreciation of the yen that has been official policy to boost the economy has had little effect on Japan's balance of trade.

Despite a 38 per cent fall in the total surplus, there was no real decline in the politically sensitive trade gap with the United States. This is important, because it was this that created fierce trade rows and helped to send the yen soaring in the first place. This was to the benefit of the American car industry. Now Japanese car exports are rising again, and exports generally picking up across the economy.

Local firms are indeed sourcing from outside Japan or moving factories offshore for cheap labour and then bringing the goods back into the country. This may boost imports, but exports still rose by 17 per cent in value terms in July.

One of the odder effects of economic purgatory has been on that curious cat's cradle of cross-shareholdings that has acted as much as cultural differences to keep corporate Japan immune from outside raiders. Japanese corporations are having to sell off these stakes to make up for the falling value of assets like securities and property.

The explicit purpose of these holdings has always been to protect companies from hostile takeovers, maintain close business ties and support share prices. Now a study by Daiwa Research says the number of shares held in cross-shareholding deals totals 49 per cent of all outstanding shares in listed companies. This may seem staggeringly high, but it means the figure has dropped below 50 per cent for the first time since 1972, having peaked at almost 56 per cent in 1987. The selling began three years later, and the banks have been in the vanguard. They had traditionally avoided such sales because of the risk of losing clients.

So while Japanese firms respond by firing workers and hiring cheap labour overseas, they are busy being sold down the river by their banks. So much for corporate loyalty Japanese-style. Welcome to the real world.

By-passing the market's rules

☐ THE protestors trying to block the Newbury by-pass must be laughing so much at the predicament of its builder, Costain, that they are in danger of falling out of their trees. The once proud company is now threatened with losing its Stock Exchange listing.

Costain has successfully raised £74 million, but to get this away the group was willing to give three quarters of its shares to either the banks or a new-found friend, Intria Berhad of Malaysia, thereby flirting with sanctions from the authorities. Costain was able to persuade the Takeover Panel to allow Intria to go over 29.9 per cent without having to make a bid. One dissident Middle Eastern investor, the Saudi Arabian group Raymond, supported the financial restructuring but the other, Kharafi of Kuwait, has become a real problem. Kharafi took up its shares and bought more to curb Intria's influence, leaving 77 per cent of Costain's equity in just three hands, a breach of the Stock Exchange's listing requirements.

Costain will be hard pressed to persuade Intria, Kharafi or Raymond to sell any of their holdings. It now must persuade the Exchange that there is enough of a market for the other 15,000 shareholders to make it worth retaining the listing. They are the ones whose interests are at stake. In sharp contrast to the situation on AIM, an over-exuberant application of the rules here will do nobody but the Newbury protestors any good.

Top Marks

☐ MARKS & SPENCER has wisely put its hands up and come quietly over the snarl-up that has had customers billed twice for the same amount. The company could have followed the banks' example and argued the toss for months, but 40,000 sets of double debits might seem like 39,999 coincidences too far. Instead, Marks is blaming computer error. Is this the same sort of computer error the banks say can never happen, whenever anyone challenges a "phantom withdrawal" from one of their hole-in-the-wall machines?

Wall St stunned as Mandl quits top AT&T post

From a correspondent in New York

ALEX J MANDL, the executive widely tipped to be the next chairman of AT&T, yesterday stunned Wall Street by revealing he is to quit America's largest long-distance telephone company.

Mr Mandl, 52, has resigned as president and chief operating officer of AT&T to join Associated Communications, a small but ambitious wireless communications firm that will develop high-capacity wireless networks in American cities.

Mr Mandl was the highest-ranking operations executive at AT&T, one of three reporting directly to Robert Allen, the chairman and chief executive. Some analysts believed Mr Mandl was earmarked to replace Mr Allen, 61, when he retires in 2000.

AT&T said the search for a successor would get underway immediately. The company was anxious to reassure investors that its ambitious demerger plans remained on track.

Last September, AT&T announced it would split in three, with the main AT&T becoming purely a communications service firm. It spun off its communications equipment business this spring as Lucent Technologies and plans to spin off NCR, its computer manufacturing unit, later this year. Yesterday, Mr Allen said those plans remain on schedule.

Mr Mandl, who joined AT&T in 1991, played a leading role in the $11 billion acquisition of McCaw Cellular Communications, the nation's largest cellular company, in late 1994.

Mike Smith, chief executive of Argos, saw interim profits bound 45 per cent to £31.8 million as he concentrated on offering value for money

Argos unveils plans for Dutch drive as interim sales soar

By Paul Durman

ARGOS, the catalogue retailing group, gave more details of its planned expansion into The Netherlands as it reported exceptionally strong first-half sales and profits.

The company intends to open its first Dutch store in 1998. It plans to spend £6 million over the next 16 months as it recruits 50 Dutch staff, acquires premises, and modifies its catalogue and retailing system to meet the Dutch market.

Argos was reporting a 45 per cent jump in interim pre-tax profits to £31.8 million. This was on the back of an 18 per cent increase in sales to £561 million. Argos has maintained this sales growth into the first weeks of the second half. What really impressed the City was the 11.1 per cent increase that Argos achieved in first-half like for like sales, which strip out the benefit from new store openings.

Tony Shiret, BZW's retail analyst, said: "They have obliterated the profits forecasts. The like for like is just phenomenal." Nick Bubb, at Mees Pierson, said Argos had produced "fantastic figures". The shares rose 14p to 757p, valuing Argos at more than £2.1 billion. City profit forecasts for this year were increased to £150 million or more.

The Dutch move follows the opening this year of the first three Argos stores in Ireland. Sales are running ahead of expectations and Argos will increase the number of Irish stores to six by the end of next month.

Mike Smith, Argos chief executive, said the high margin retail environment in The Netherlands made the country more attractive for catalogue retailing than some larger European markets. With Argos intending to supply 3,000 of the 5,000 Dutch product lines from the UK, the Dutch market's size and proximity also made it a better bet.

Argos attributes its rapid sales growth — much better than other leading UK retailers — to its determination to offer value for money. Most of the 3,500 products re-included in the latest Argos catalogue are no dearer, and, Mr Smith said, Argos has cut the prices of about 1,400 of them.

Operating profits rose even more sharply than the pre-tax total, by 63 per cent to £25.5 million. Pre-tax profits were held back by the loss of interest income on the company's cash pile that followed Argos's recent payment of special dividends totalling £126.8 million.

Argos is increasing its interim dividend by 32.5 per cent to 5.3p. Earnings per share were 46.5 per cent higher at 7.06p.

In spite of the special dividend, Argos ended the half with £102.9 million in cash. Mr Smith said Argos remained interested in acquisitions in its areas of merchandise expertise: jewellery, consumer electronics, housewares and toys. However, he said Argos is not talking to anybody at the moment, thus ruling the company out of Signet's sale of its H Samuel jewellery business.

Argos Direct, the home delivery operationm increased first half sales 41 per cent to £40 million.

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Life and pensions industry makes strong recovery

By Marianne Curphey

THE life insurance and pension industry is staging a strong recovery after languishing for several years because of the pension mis-selling scandal, according to new figures published yesterday.

Sales of new life and pension policies in the second quarter of the year totalled £4.6 billion, a 36 per cent increase on the corresponding period in 1995.

The figures, compiled by the Association of British Insurers (ABI), confirm a growing trend within the industry. Recent results from the largest insurers have shown strong rises in life business, compared with tough trading conditions and falls in premium rates for general insurance.

According to the ABI, premium income for new life insurance business, at £2.9 billion, was 36 per cent higher than in the corresponding quarter last year. New single premiums soared 40 per cent to £2.6 billion and annual premiums were up 8 per cent to £300 million.

Premium income for new individual pensions increased 35 per cent to £1.7 billion. Single premiums saw a jump of 39 per cent to £1.4 billion, while new annual premiums totalled £300 million, a rise of 18 per cent.

Mark Boleat, Director-General of the ABI, said: "These figures reinforce the signs of an upturn in new life and pensions business, which became evident towards the end of last year and the first quarter of this year.

"The industry can be encouraged that confidence in long-term saving, through the large range of life and pension products, looks to be gathering pace."

The ABI also revealed details of some of the fraudulent insurance claims for overseas medical expenses its members had received.

Following a crackdown, insurers discovered that a woman had submitted five claims within 18 months, each one for the loss of sight in her left eye. Among the "accidents" were a collision in a swimming pool, falling off a chair and being attacked while in Iran.

While in Spain, a holidaymaker made an insurance claim for the cost of an operation to remove his appendix. Investigations revealed that the account for the treatment was not genuine and that this was, in fact, the holidaymaker's 17th claim for an appendectomy.

Wace has designs on new plant

By Fraser Nelson

WACE, the printing and imaging group, is spending £20 million on what it believes will be Britain's first design-to-production packaging plant. The 12-acre plant will be created by merging its labelling plant in Leicester with a nearby carton plant acquired in November.

As it returned worse-than-expected results for the six months to June 30 Wace admitted its recent rationalisation had not attracted sustainable growth.

Operating profits fell from £15.2 million to £10.1 million. This combined with the £800,000 cost for a US plant closure and a £3.2 million restructuring charge for new plant to force down pre-tax profits to £4.2 million (£10 million). The interim is unchanged at 1.85p. Analysts cut year-end forecasts from £22 million to £18 million.

Refuge life assets under attack as merger looms

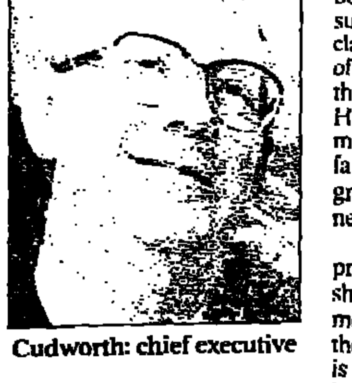
By Marianne Curphey

REFUGE Assurance has been accused of short-changing shareholders as it prepares to merge with United Friendly, its fellow life insurer, to create a new company, United Assurance.

Perpetual, a leading fund manager and one of Refuge's largest shareholders with a 7 per cent stake, says Refuge's assets in its life fund are worth far more than stated in the merger document.

Neil Woodford, Perpetual's senior investment manager, is meeting both companies tomorrow to challenge the £631 million assessment of Refuge's embedded value. Perpetual believes the figure is closer to £1 billion.

Mr Woodford, who is threatening to vote against the merger at a shareholders' meeting on September 9, claims the deal has been "put together in haste" and has accused the management-in-



Cudworth: chief executive

making clear the size of expected cost savings after the merger.

John Cudworth, Refuge's chief executive, was not available for comment yesterday.

Refuge and United Friendly said earlier this month that they were unsure how large the savings were likely to be. When pressed, they named a figure close to £15 million.

uge's pension fund and on the so-called "orphan" assets in one section of its life fund. He believes the full extent of the surplus should have been clarified with the Department of Trade and Industry before the merger was announced. He said yesterday that the merger document had also failed to take account of the growth in Refuge's new business figures.

He said: "Under the current propsals, United Friendly shareholders seem to benefit more from this deal, even though Refuge's new business is growing and United Friendly's is shrinking. . . I shall be looking for clarification from management."

The merging companies will have a market value of £1.5 billion, with 6.6 million policies issued and £6.5 billion assets under management. Refuge's shares dropped 22p to 408p after the merger was announced on August 8 and have continued to fall further.

Profits lift for Taylor Nelson

By Fraser Nelson

TAYLOR NELSON, the UK's largest market research group, yesterday returned the strongest interim results of its 29-year history.

The results were helped by Fashiontrack, the consumer clothing and footwear monitor launched last October, which achieved profitability six months ahead of schedule.

Tony Cowling, chief executive, said the grocery unit, Superpanel, was now its largest single product after a two-year investment programme.

Pre-tax profit was 12 per cent ahead at £4 million, on turnover, which rose by 12 per cent, to £42.4 million. Sales from its healthcare and marketing divisions both rose by 19 per cent, to £6.4 million and £4.7 million respectively. Revenue form its core consumer divison rose by 9 per cent, to £19.4 million. Earnings were 1.23p per share (1.11p), allowing an interim dividend of 0.39p (0.35p), payable on De-

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Promise of payout shunts Railtrack to record price

RAILTRACK managed to build up a full head of steam, closing at its highest level since its flotation in May. The shares ended the session 2p dearer at a record high of 250p as almost five million shares changed hands in a market where traders normally deal in 100,000 at a time.

Brokers say that the resurgence of institutional demand is in anticipation of a "big, fat" dividend due to be paid out by the company soon. The shares go ex-dividend on Tuesday, after which investors who buy the shares will not qualify. *Liberal dividend payments* were the main plank of the Government's strategy for attracting investors to Railtrack when it was originally privatised.

Almost five million shares in Railtrack, up 2p, changed hands

Elsewhere, share prices paused for breath in the wake of last week's record-breaking run. This was in response to a disappointing performace from Wall Street on Friday and an uncertain start by the Dow Jones average yesterday ahead of today's Federal Open Market Committee meeting. Having lost an early five-point rise, the FT-SE 100 index traded sideways for much of the session before closing with a loss of 9.2 points on the day at 3,863.7. The long list of companies that did go ex-dividend was the equivalent of a seven-point fall in the index.

Once again trading conditions proved thin, with just 440 million shares recorded by the close.

The early focus of attention was on **Thorn** and **EMI** after the split. *Shares of Thorn in* their new, slim-line form finished a disappointing session 19p down at 391p on turnover of 11.8 million, while EMI was chased 37½p higher at £14.60 as three million were traded.

Talk of an early takeover of EMI was discounted by most brokers who follow the stock. *The only company likely to* make such a move is MCA, which has already ruled itself out of the running. Thorn remains a constituent of the top 100 shares despite the demerger, while EMI, because of its size, also becomes a constituent. This may explain the rise in its price as index tracker funds attempted to increase their weighting in the stock. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, was recommending EMI to clients along with SBC Warburg, the company's own broker. EMI's inclusion in the FT-SE 100 has resulted in **Cookson**, 1½p firmer at 250p, losing its place. Constituents are calculated every quarter in terms of their capitalisation.

Orange firmed 1½p to 187p ahead of its first set of figures, later today, since going public. Brokers are looking for a pre-tax loss of around £130 million in the first half, reflecting high development costs. The shares were originally offered at 250p, but were hit last month *by disappointing second-quarter subscriber rates.*

BAT Industries continued to lose ground with the price touching 449p before ending the session 13p lower at 452p. The shares fell sharply last week after a US court ruled in favour of a smoker who complained he had not been made *fully aware* by Brown & Williamson, the company's US subsidiary, of the affects of smoking. The court awarded him almost £500,000.

Better than expected half-year figures from **Argos** were rewarded with a rise of 14p to 757p. Brokers had been expecting a positive peformance from the company, but the near 50 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £31.8 million was better than even their most optimistic forecasts.

In May, Argos reported a 17 per cent increase in sales during the first four months and that pace had been maintained. Much of the improvement had come from sales of furniture and bedding, although competition was expected to intensify in the second half during the run-up *to Christmas. SBC Warburg,* the company's own broker, has increased its pre-tax profit forecast for the full year from £139 million to £146 million, while Nick Bubb at MeesPierson is looking for a final figure of £152 million.

The positive outlook for consumer spending also benefited the other leading retailers, with **Kingfisher** adding 6p at 654p, **Next** 13p at 558p, **Dixons** 13p to 524p, **DFS** 11p to 580p, **Blacks Leisure** 10p to 224p, and **Innovations** 7p to 323p.

T&N rose 8½p to 140½p on reports that the company was *close to agreeing terms with* an insurance company over future asbestosis claims.

Shares of **Chamberlain Phipps**, the footwear materi*als manufacturer, were sus*pended at 11p ahead of the news that administrative receivers had been appointed after the group's bankers called in outstanding loans. During the past year the group has issued two profit warnings. The company came to market a couple of years ago at 165p after a buyout from Evode in 1992. Having touched a peak of 192p, the company was valued at less than £5 million at suspension.

A slump in half-year profits from £10 million to £4.2 million left **Wace**, the printer, nursing a fall of 15p at 152p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Investors chose to keep their powder dry ahead of some significant economic data due out this week and the start of the Federal Reserve Open Market committee meeting. As a re*sult prices were left to drift* lower in thin trading, along with other bond markets.

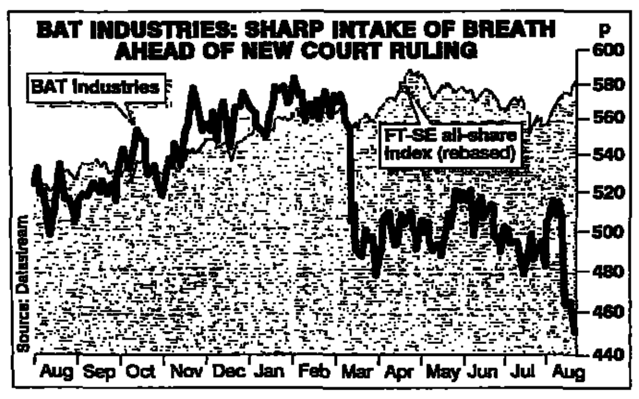
The money supply numbers are published today, followed tomorrow by retail sales. Brokers were doubtful that the Fed committee would move to raise US interest rates despite recent market volatility.

In the futures pit trading proved thin with just 26,000 contracts completed as the September series of the long gilt finished £⅛ easier at £108⅛.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost five ticks at £99⁵/₁₆, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was unmoved at £103¹⁹/₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK**: On Wall Street, investors awaited developments on interest rates and shares were little changed by midday, with the Dow Jones Industrial average down 0.74 points at 5,688.71.

Tradepoint Financial Networks, the Stock Exchange rival that came to market at 175p in April, closed yesterday at 130p. It is confident it can break even by the end of next year and says the average value of deals executed has doubled to £160,000. It has *plans to diversify into other financial markets, possibly bonds.*



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5688.71 (-0.74)
S&P Composite	665.89 (+0.68)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	21106.41 (+272.41)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11213.48 (+37.50)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	560.85 (+3.43)

Sydney:

AO	2261.50 (+28.20)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2562.76 (+14.40)

Singapore:

Straits	2105.66 (+5.23)

Brussels:

General	9524.34 (+4.63)

Paris:

CAC-40	1986.21 (+6.69)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	768.60 (-0.70)

London:

FT 30	2801.9 (-22.6)
FT 100	3863.7 (-9.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	4368.3 (+1.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1932.3 (-3.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1650.74 (+1.30)
FT A All-Share	1908.96 (-2.89)
FT Non Financials	2010.79 (-0.86)
FT Fixed Interest	113.76 (+0.14)
FT Govt Secs	93.41 (-0.02)
Bargains	33903
SEAQ Volume	440.1m
USM (Datastrm)	204.16 (+0.19)
US$	1.5453 (-0.0029)
German Mark	2.2996 (-0.0128)
Exchange Index	84.7 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
E:ECU	1.2095
£:SDR	1.0644
RPI	152.4 Jul (2.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	151.9 Jul (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AND International	87	+ 8
Allzyme	46	...
Alumax	1984¼	+ 06¼
Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Barbican Health	66	...
Chemical Design	151	+ 3
Dentmaster Hldgs	4	...
Drings of Bath	4	...
Egypt Trust	679½	+ 1¾
Electronic Retail	198	...
Fayrewood	48	...
Gall Thomson Env	61	...
HIT Enter (163)	202	...
Hambros Smlr Asian	65	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97	...
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Lon & Edinburgh	15½	+ 1
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
Pordum Foods Wts	1¼	...
SCI Entertainment	165	...
Schroder Em C	371	...
Schroder Emg C Wts	36	...
Schroder Emg C	91½	+ ¼
Selector	68	...
Somerfield (145)	157	...
West 175 Enterprises	130	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cairn Energy n/p	35	...
Ivernia W Uts n/p (40)	4	...
Jerome (S) & S n/p (68)	2	...
Scottish Pwr n/p (250)	52	...
Shaftesbury n/p (125)	14	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Caird Gp	458p (+33p)
API	695p (+28p)
Gearhouse Gp	251p (+10p)
JJB Sports	294p (+10p)
Refuge	394p (+13p)

FALLS:

Firecrest	43p (-15p)
Wace	152p (-15p)
Cons Murchison	158p (-11p)
Chiroscience	384p (-13p)
REXAM	379p (-9p)
CRH	631p (-7p)
Osborne & Little	795p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Richly laden vessel

EVEN by its own high standards, yesterday's interim results from Argos were spectacular. Like-for-like sales growth of more than 11 per cent was a full six points ahead of the market average and knocked the spots off leading competitors.

Some shopkeepers whine about operating in a low inflation environment. Not Argos. It continues to boast that 90 per cent of the 3,500 product lines re-included in its latest catalogue are at constant or lower prices. Clearly, the value-for-money message is what attracts customers and, Argos believes, underpins the company's future.

Argos is reaping the rewards from a cost-reduction drive commenced a couple of years ago, in response to the arrival of US-style warehouse clubs in the UK. The threat proved to be unfounded but Argos was left a far more efficient operation with better stock control and information systems allowing it to offer a wider product range in smaller stores. Argos is experimenting in other areas; catalogue retailing in Holland looks interesting but First Stop may have more potential, offering 15-20 per cent discounts on discontinued lines in electronics, housewares, toys and gifts.

This consumer recovery is far from the jamboree enjoyed by the big stores in the second half of the last decade. That is good news for Argos but will prove a disappointment to retailers that cannot price their products competitively. Some may grumble that Argos still seems no closer to finding a use for its cashpile. However, leaving cash on deposit with Argos may prove a better bet than *punting on a recovery rescuing* some other retailers.

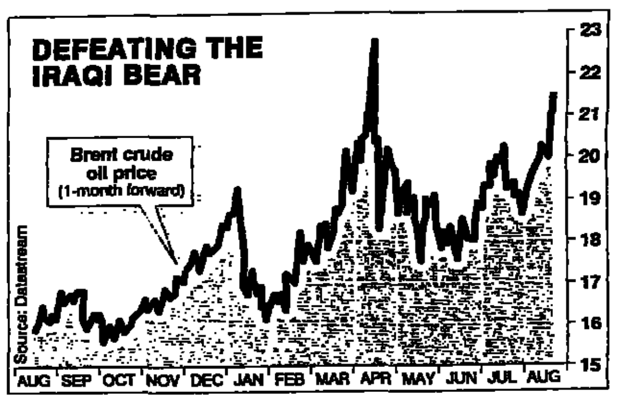
Oil

THE oil price just won't lie down. Six months ago, traders were forecasting the market would be awash this *summer with Iraqi crude* due to exports under the UN-sponsored oil-for-food agreement. Prevarication by Saddam Hussein has meant delay after delay and the physical oil market has been slow to build up stocks after a cold winter. That problem has been worsened by high gasoline consumption this summer which has further slowed the seasonal stock build-up.

A look at the long-term forward market suggests, however, that $20 oil prices are an aberration. Brent Crude for delivery next month costs $21.30 but the price for delivery in July 1997 was only $17.40 and the differential goes a long way to explain why stocks have not been building up at a normal rate in anticipation of coming winter fuel demand.

Faced with the probability that oil will be cheaper a few *months* away, buyers have been holding back purchases only to see the feared Iraqi exports delayed. There have been other blips: BP's Foinaven field, worth some 100,000 barrels per day, has been delayed six months.

But there is little to sustain a $20 oil price in the medium term. Over the past five years companies have developed the technology to produce oil economically at prices of $13-$14 per barrel. Today's price is an even greater incentive to bring new oilfields rapidly on stream.



T&N

PATIENCE may soon reward investors in T&N, the motor components group that is better known for its *problems with asbestos.* The company, which is in fact a leading supplier of brake and piston parts to vehicle manufacturers, has been at the top of the list as a potential target in the mergers and acquisitions departments of every bank in the City. Unfortunately, for T&N's investors, it *rarely lasts more than the* first draft before being relegated. Merchant bankers, unlike Lloyd's investors, are alarmed by the notion of unlimited liability and would get short shrift if they suggested to their clients that T&N's asbestos liabilities were a containable risk.

The truth, however, is that any risk is containable, if you pay an insurer enough to take it away. T&N has paid out some £350 million since 1986, settling damages claims for asbestos-related injuries. Hitherto, the company has balked at paying extortionate premiums to insurers and preferred to fight some large claims over asbestos in buildings totalling several hun*dred million dollars.*

However, its gamble paid off and the company is now negotiating a deal that would ringfence the liability above an agreed annual level of claims. The deal could be done this year.

T&N has been disappointed before, recently over the *collapse of the Georgine set*tlement procedures, which opened the door to more ambulance-chasing US lawyers. A solution that put a cap on the liability, however high, would be a major breakthrough for the company and cause the M&A teams to redraft their lists.

Chelsfield

THE planning consent for the Paddington Basin site sold by Kvaerner to the Chelsfield/Godfrey Bradman joint venture, is a reminder of how much the property market has changed in five years. Permission was then granted for one million square feet of offices in a *seedy environment far from* the City and favoured West End corporate headquarter locations. Such optimism was probably misplaced even then, but today the new developers will be doing well to find a tenant for 100,000 sq ft behind Paddington station and are instead proposing *shops and leisure property,* possibly a hotel.

Chelsfield is backing a much larger urban regeneration scheme at White City but the Paddington site looks more difficult, with an important existing tenant, Sears, to dislodge, and competing retail premises at Queensway and the Edgware Road. Other investors nearby, Regalian and NFC, will be watching for any sign that values are rising.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1015-1013	Dec	1079-1074
Dec	1025-1024	Mar	1090-1086
Mar	1037-1036	May	1098-1097
May	1048-1047	Jul	1108-1105
Jul	1060-1058		
Sep	1071-1070		Volume: 771

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1078-1076	May	1564-1555
Nov	1658-1655	Jul	1560-1555
Jan	1615-1614	Sep	1560-1540
Mar	1580-1574		Volume: 2368

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	336.5-35.5
Spot: 370.8		Aug	334.7-33.1
Oct	351.0-50.6	Oct	326.7-25.1
Dec	345.2-45.0	Dec	328.7-25.3
Mar	341.1-40.5		Volume: 765

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	111.92	109.43	95.22
(+/-)	+4.40	+0.35	-2.58
Eng/Wales:	111.92	109.79	95.08
(+/-)	+4.40	+0.46	-2.39
(%)	-11.0	-30.0	+14.0
Scotland:	unq	107.32	97.31
(+/-)	...	-0.08	-4.35
(%)	...	-21.0	-12.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	21.50	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.70	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.20	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	22.20	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	21.60	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	215 (+2)	218 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	189 (n/c)	190 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (n/c)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	190 (-1)	193 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	188.25-88.50	Dec	183.25 SLR
Oct	186.50-86.75	Jan	180.50-80.75
Nov	184.50-84.75		Vol: 12462

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	20.73-20.75	Jan	19.27-19.29
Nov	20.19-20.20	Feb	18.86-18.88
Dec	19.71-19.73		Vol: 19219

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	105.15	Sep	98.50
Nov	107.10	Nov	101.55
Jan	109.10	Jan	103.25
Mar	111.00	Mar	105.25
May	112.90	May	106.75
	Volume: 989		Volume: 149

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	72.50
Mar		75.00
Apr	82.0	82.00
		Volume: 72

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Sep 88.25-88.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 96	1135	1135	1128
Sep 96	1218	1205	1205
Oct 96	1306	1290	1290
Jan 97	1320	1310	1311
Vol: 165 lots		Open interest: 3764	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 1984.0-1985.0	3mth: 1923.0-1924.0	Vol: 1904175
Lead ($/tonne)	812.00-813.00	812.00-813.00	177575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1003.5-1004.0	1032.0-1032.5	256250
Tin ($/tonne)	6080.0-6090.0	6135.0-6145.0	16310
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1450.0-1451.0	1487.0-1487.5	1479275
Nickel ($/tonne)	7005.0-7010.0	7101.0-7106.0	59814

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	420	34	41½	46	4	13½	18½
(*440½)	460	10½	19½	26	20	34½	39
ASDA	110	9	12½	14	1½	4	5½
(*118½)	120	3½	7	9	6	8½	10
Boots	600	38	48	60	5	14½	18½
(*628)	650	9½	22	33	28	38½	42½
Br Airways	500	44	53	63½	3½	10½	15½
(*536)	550	13½	24½	35	21½	31	37
BP	600	41	51	59½	4½	13	18½
(*631)	650	11½	24½	33	25½	35½	41½
Br Steel	180	10	14	18	4½	9	11
(*184)	200	2½	6	9½	17	21½	23
C & W	390	23	33½	42	8	15	20½
(*402)	420	8½	19	27	22½	30	36
CU	600	27½	44½	53	11½	20	35
(*610½)	650	7	19½	29	42	48	63½
ICI	750	57	75	85	6	14	24
(*795½)	800	23½	44	54	22½	33	46
Land Sec	650	39	46½	57½	3½	11½	14
(*680½)	700	8½	17	29½	23½	33	37
M & S	460	40	46½	56	2½	7	10½
(*494)	500	13	21	31	16	22½	26
Nat West	650	52	69½	77½	6½	14	24½
(*690)	700	21½	40	48½	25	34½	50
Safeway plc	330	25½	33½	39½	4	11	14
(*349)	360	8½	17	24	17½	25	28½
Sainsbury	390	22½	30	39	4½	11	14
(*405½)	420	6½	15½	23½	18½	26½	29
Shell	900	55	66	78	6	13½	23½
(*949)	950	18½	35	47	26½	34	46
Smkl Bch	687	44½	—	—	8	—	—
(*717)	736	17	—	—	30	—	—
Storehse	300	13½	—	—	6½	—	—
(*304)	330	2½	—	—	26½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1450	70½	106	130	29½	50½	62½
(*1490)	1500	43½	79	102	53½	74	85½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	420	32	45	52½	0	6½	9
(*452)	460	1	20½	39	9½	22	25
Vodafone	240	5	17½	21	1	10	13½
(*244)	260	0	8½	12	16	21	24½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	460	5	23	30½	3	16	26
(*461)	500	0	8	15	39	41½	51
Ladbroke	180	17	21	25½	0	4½	7
(*197)	200	1½	10	14½	4	13	16
Utd Bisc	200	9½	15½	20½	0½	7	9½
(*208½)	220	0½	6	11½	11½	18	20½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	460	33½	41	50	4	10½	14
(*486)	500	10	19	27½	21	29	32
Thames W.	500	53	58½	67½	1½	8½	13
(*547½)	550	16½	26½	38	15	28	33½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	240	11½	16	20½	0½	7½	9
(*251)	260	0½	6	11½	10	19	20
Br Aero	950	16½	49½	71½	1	28	38
(*965)	1000	0	26½	47	35	55½	64
Br Telcm	360	14½	25	30½	0½	7½	14½
(*373½)	390	0½	9½	15	16½	21½	30½
Cadbury	500	12½	28½	43½	1	16	23½
(*511½)	550	0	9	22	38½	47½	52½
Guinness	460	12½	34½	36	0½	12½	17
(*472)	500	0	7½	17½	28	36	38½
GEC	360	25	34½	40	0	4½	8½
(*385)	390	1	15	22	6	15½	20
Hanson	160	6½	9	12	1	8	11½
(*163)	180	0½	2½	5½	17	22	24½
LASMO	180	13½	18½	23	0	2½	4½
(*193½)	200	0½	7½	11½	6½	11	13
Lucas	220	17½	25	31½	0	6	8
(*237½)	240	1½	13	20	4	14	16
Pilkingtn	191	2	—	—	1	—	—
(*192)	210	0	—	—	18	—	—
Prudential	420	4	18	29	1½	16½	22½
(*422)	460	0	6	13	38	44½	48½
Redland	420	11	26	34½	1	15½	19½
(*430½)	460	0	9½	17	29½	40	42½
R-Royce	200	18	22	26	0	3½	6
(*218)	220	1½	9½	14½	3	11½	14½
Tesco	300	10½	20	28½	0½	9	13
(*310½)	330	0	6½	15	19½	26	29½
Williams	330	15½	20½	—	0½	7½	—
(*345)	360	0½	6	—	15½	24½	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3863)

	3750	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000
Calls						
Sep	143	99½	64	35½	17	6½
Oct	158½	121	88½	59	37	20
Nov	178	140½	109	81½	57½	37½
Dec	202	170	137½	107½	83	61½
Jun	—	258	—	208½	—	157½
Puts						
Sep	12	20½	35	59	93	137
Oct	26½	38½	56	77½	106½	142½
Nov	41½	54½	71½	94	131	154½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Abby Nat	550	40½	57	68	2½	10½	23½
(*586)	600	10	27½	40	22	31	47½
Amstrad	130	12	18½	—	2½	7½	—
(*138½)	140	6½	14	—	6½	11½	—
Barclays	900	40	67	85	9	23	39
(*928½)	950	14	38½	57½	32½	45½	63½
Blue Circ	360	27½	35	40½	2½	8½	10½
(*385)	390	7½	16½	23½	14½	21½	23½
Br Gas	180	20	22½	25½	1	4	7
(*198)	200	7	9½	14½	7½	13	16½
Dixons	500	29½	46	55½	4	13	19
(*523)	550	5	20½	30½	30	37	43½
Forte	343	42	—	—	0	—	—
(*384½)	373	14½	—	—	1	—	—
Tarmac	100	4½	8	10½	3½	7½	8½
(*101)	110	1	4	6½	10	14	14½
Hillsdwn	180	7	11½	15	3	8	9½
(*183½)	200	0½	4	6½	16½	20½	21½
Lonrho	160	8	13	16	2	5	8
(*165)	180	0½	4½	7	15	16½	19
Sears	90	8½	11½	—	0½	2	—
(*97½)	100	2½	6	—	4	6½	—
Thorn Plc.	1800	71	116	—	14	39	—
(*1849)	1900	16	65	—	64½	89	—
Tomkins	240	20	26½	30	1	4	7
(*258)	260	6	14	18	7½	11½	15
Lloyds TSB.	330	31	40	46	1	5½	12½
(*359)	360	9	21½	27½	9½	16½	26
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	900	37	61	78	23	37	52
(*906½)	950	15	37	54	52	64	79
HSBC	1150	47	79½	95	29	48½	70½
(*1156½)	1200	25	55	70	57	74½	98
Reuter	750	31½	56	68½	22½	36	46
(*755)	800	12	35	45½	53½	62½	73
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal & Sun	394	15	26	30	14	22	29½
(*397½)	431	3½	11½	15½	41½	46	53½
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	650	22	45½	54	19	33	42
(*653)	700	5	24	32	53	62½	71
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1250	53½	65	87½	9	20	26
(*1282½)	1300	22½	36½	58	30	42½	48
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	400	16½	28½	40½	5	16	22
(*410½)	450	0½	8½	19	39½	46½	50½

* August 19, 1996 Tot: 37925 Call: 21855

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 66336	Sep 96 Dec 96	3887.0 3906.0	3890.0 3908.0	3871.0 3893.0	3879.0 3900.0	5840 67
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3769	Sep 96 Dec 96				4368.0	0 0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 434763	Sep 96 Dec 96 Mar 97	94.21 94.16 93.95	94.22 94.18 93.96	94.20 94.15 93.93	94.22 94.17 93.95	4491 5859 3569
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96 Mar 97	99.18 98.95	99.18 98.95	99.17 98.95	99.17 98.95	295 20
Three Mth Euro DM *Previous open interest: 1063687*	Sep 96 Dec 96	96.74 96.74	96.74 96.74	96.72 96.71	96.73 96.71	18111 13785
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 151073	Sep 96 Dec 96	108-09 107-15	108-09 107-15	108-02 107-11	108-04 107-11	25880 4042
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96 Dec 96	120.87 119.51	121.00 119.71	120.81 119.51	120.85 119.57	3521 1347
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 250976	Sep 96 Dec 96	98.29 97.38	98.29 97.38	98.05 97.20	98.08 97.22	93604 17321
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26483	Sep 96 Dec 96	95.62 95.62	95.62 95.62	95.58 95.60	95.59 95.62	1932 690
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 74468	Sep 96 Dec 96	97.74 97.65	97.74 97.68	97.64 97.60	97.70 97.64	2625 5324
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 66915	Sep 96 Dec 96	116.75 115.65	116.75 115.65	115.81 115.26	115.98 115.30	39500 2839

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5¼.

Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	6⅛-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.32	n/a	5.41	5.56	5.80
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	6⅛-5⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-4⅞	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3⅞-3½	3⅞-3⅝	4-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2⅜-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2¼-1½
Yen:	⅝-⅜	⅝-⅜	⅝-⅜	⅝-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $386.10-386.40 Close: $386.40-386.90 High: $386.40-386.90 Low: $386.00-386.50 AM: $386.25 PM: $386.40

Krugerrand: $387.75-388.75 (£250.00-252.00)

Platinum: $398.25 (£257.85) **Silver:** $5.12 (£3.315) **Palladium:** $124.00 (£80.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Aug 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5775-2.5893	2.5778-2.5804	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Brussels	47.357-47.600	47.357-47.411	13-8pr	33-26pr
Copenhagen	8.8861-8.9310	8.8861-8.8965	1⅛-1⅛pr	4⅛-3⅛pr
Dublin	0.9614-0.9650	0.9617-0.9634	2pr-1ds	2pr-3ds
Frankfurt	2.2986-2.3090	2.2988-2.3012	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Lisbon	235.55-236.85	235.61-236.07	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-1ds
Madrid	194.56-195.22	194.56-194.73	27-36ds	71-89ds
Milan	2343.0-2352.4	2343.0-2346.5	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1224-2.1272	2.1224-2.1245	0.30-0.25pr	0.58-0.50pr
New York	1.5448-1.5488	1.5450-1.5460	0.057-0.037pr	0.123-0.092pr
Oslo	9.9310-9.9680	9.9356-9.9528	1⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Paris	*7.8620-7.8960*	*7.8641-7.8710*	*1⅛-1⅛pr*	*3⅛-3⅛pr*
Stockholm	10.230-10.278	10.240-10.261	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Tokyo	166.63-167.38	166.74-166.94	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-2⅛pr

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2648-1.2656
Austria	10.46-10.47
Belgium (Com)	30.61-30.65
Canada	1.3738-1.3743
Denmark	5.7470-5.7500
France	5.0849-5.0859
Germany	1.4864-1.4874
Hong Kong	7.7332-7.7342
Ireland	1.6040-1.6060
Italy	1516.10-1516.60
Japan	107.90-107.95
Malaysia	2.4923-2.4930
Netherlands	1.6674-1.6680
Norway	6.4296-6.4334
Portugal	*152.40-152.60*
Singapore	1.4097-1.4107
Spain	125.77-125.83
Sweden	6.6237-6.6337
Switzerland	1.2060-1.2065

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5448-1.5474
Australia dollar	1.9545-1.9570
Bahrain dinar	0.5775-0.5895
Brazil real*	1.5617-1.5659
China yuan	*n/a*
Cyprus pound	0.71-0.72
Finland markka	6.8650-6.9810
Greece drachma	365.00-372.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.9462-11.9555
India rupee	54.72-55.68
Indonesia rupiah	3592.00-3660.0
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4590-0.4690
Malaysia ringgit	3.8501-3.8524
New Zealand dollar	2.2392-2.2415
Pakistan rupee	54.74 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5725-5.6000
Singapore dollar	2.1777-2.1800
S Africa rand (com)	6.9780-7.0800
U A E dirham	5.6225-5.7465

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	639	Marks Spr	3,300
ASDA Gp	2,500	NatWst Bk	3,100
Abbey Ntl	1,200	Nat Grid	2,300
Allied Dom	371	Nat Power	1,300
Argos	375	Next	1,700
AB Foods	1,600	Orange	2,500
BAA	372	P & O	1,100
BAT Inds	11,300	Pearson	1,300
BOC	1,900	Pilkington	546
BP	4,300	PowerGen	307
BSkyB	1,800	Prudential	1,900
BTR	7,100	RMC	127
BT	*6,700*	*RTZ*	*1,300*
Bk of Scot	2,500	Railtrack	4,500
Barclays	3,200	Rank Org	912
Bass	1,100	Reckitt Col	191
Blue Circle	642	Redland	581
Boots	691	Reed Intl	224
BAe	344	Rentokil	1,400
BA	1,800	Reuters	2,000
Brit Gas	2,900	Rolls Royce	3,900
Brit Steel	1,400	Royal & Sun	8,400
Burmah Cstl	173	Royal Bk Scot	445
Burton	1,400	Safeway	2,300
Cable Wire	5,000	Sainsbury	1,500
Cadbury	2,100	Schroders	85
Carlton Cms	152	Scot & New	120
Cm Union	613	Scot Power	2,400
Courtaulds	326	Svrn Trent	1,400
Dixons	1,700	Shell Trans	1,900
EMI	3,100	Siebe	454
Enterpr Oil	963	SmKl Bch	5,500
GKN	252	Smith Nph	630
GRE	752	Smiths Inds	237
GUS	832	Sthern Elec	327
Gen Acc	345	Std Chartd	1,800
Gen Elec	4,200	TI Gp	1,000
Glaxo Well	2,700	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Granada	544	Tesco	3,600
Grand Met	3,500	Thames W	573
Guinness	1,000	Thorn	12,600
HSBC	2,600	Tomkins	1,000
Hanson	5,000	Unilever	889
ICI	1,500	Utd Utilities	689
Kingfisher	*1,200*	*Utd News*	*388*
LASMO	2,000	Vodafone	3,900
Ladbroke	1,500	Whitbread	

WALL STREET

	Aug 19 midday	Aug 16 close
AMP Inc	38¼	38¾
AMR Corp	83¾	83¼
ASA	38¼	38¼
AT & T	53½	55¼
Abbott Labs	47¼	47¼
Advanced Micro	13¼	13¼
Aetna Life	68¼	68¾
Ahmanson (HF)	26¼	26¼
Air Prod & Chem	54¼	54¼
AirTouch Comm	28¼	27¼
Alberto-Culver B	42¼	43¼
Albertson's	41¼	41¼
Alcan Aluminm	30¼	30¼
Alco Standard	47¼	48¼
Allied Signal	62¼	62¼
Alum Co of Am	61¼	61¼
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	50¼	50
Amer Brands	42¼	42¼
Amer El Power	42¼	42¼
Amer Express	45	45¼
Amer Genl Corp	36¼	36¼
Amer Home Pr	58¼	58¼
Amer Intl	100	100¼
Amer Stores	39¼	39¼
Amer Standard	32¼	33
Ameritech	54¼	54¼
Amoco	69¼	69¼
Anheuser-Busch	75¼	76¼
Apple Computer	22¼	22¼
Archer Daniels	17¼	17¼
Armco	4¼	4¼
Armstrng Wrld	61¼	60¼
Asarco	24¼	24¼
Atl Richfield	117¼	117¼
Auto Data Prn	41¼	41¼
Avery Dennison	51¼	51¼
Avon Products	49¼	49¼
Baker Hughes	31¼	31
Baltim Gas & El	26¼	26¼
Banc One	38¼	38
BankAmerica	83¼	82¼
Bank of NY	28¼	28¼
Bankers Tr NY	79¼	79¼
Barnett Banks	65¼	65¼
Bausch & Lomb	36¼	37
Baxter Intl	43¼	43¼
Bectn Dicknsn	42¼	41¼
Bell Atlantic	59¼	58¼
Bell Industries	16¼	16¼
BellSouth	38¼	38¼
Black & Decker	38	38¼
Block (H&R)	28¼	28¼
Boeing	91¼	91¼
Boise Cascade	34¼	34¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	89	88¼
Browning Ferris	25¼	25¼
Brunswick	20¼	20
Burlingtn Nthn	82¼	82
CMS Energy Corp	30¼	31
CNA Financial	102¼	102¼
CPC Intl	69¼	69¼
CSX	50¼	50¼
Campbell Soup	68	68¼
Can Pacific	23	22¼
Carolina Pwr	36¼	36¼
Caterpillar	69¼	69¼
Central & SW	27	27¼
Champion Intl	44¼	44¼
Chase Manhat	76¼	76¼
Chevron Corp	59¼	59¼
Chrysler	28¼	28¼
Chubb Corp	46	46
Cigna Corp	120	119¼
Citicorp	87¼	87¼
Clorox	93¼	93
Coastal Corp	41¼	41¼
Coca Cola	52¼	51¼
Coca Cola Ent	40¼	39¼
Colgate-Palmolive	82¼	82¼
Columbia Gas	58¼	58¼
ColumbiaHCA	55¼	55¼
Compaq Comp	58¼	58¼
Comp Ass Intl	57¼	57
Conagra	43¼	43¼
Conrail	68¼	68¼
Cons Edison	27¼	27¼
Cons Nat Gas	54¼	54¼
Cooper Inds	40¼	40¼
Corestates	41¼	41¼
Corning Inc	38¼	38¼
Crown Cork	49¼	49
Dana Corp	28¼	28¼
Dayton Hudson	35¼	35¼
Deere	38¼	38
Delta Air Lines	69¼	69¼
Deluxe Corp	39¼	39¼
Digital Equip	37¼	37¼
Dillard Dept St	34¼	34¼
Disney (Walt)	58¼	58¼
Dominion Res	38¼	38¼
Donelley (RR)	33¼	33¼
Dover Corp	43¼	43¼
Dow Chemical	79¼	79
Dow Jones	40¼	40¼
Dresser	29¼	29¼

	Aug 19 midday	Aug 16 close
Eastman Kodak	74¼	75
Eaton Corp	55¼	55¼
Edison Intl	16¼	16¼
Emerson Elec	85	85¼
Engelhard Corp	21	21
Enron Corp	42	41¼
Entergy	26	26¼
Ethyl Corp	9¼	9¼
Exxon	82¼	82¼
FMC Corp	65¼	65¼
FPL Group	46¼	46¼
Federal Express	74¼	74¼
Fed Nat Mtge	32¼	33
First Bk Sys	62¼	62¼
First Union Rly	6¼	6¼
Fleet Finl Grp	43¼	43¼
Fluor Corp	65¼	65¼
Ford Motor	33¼	33¼
GTE Corp	41¼	41¼
Gannett	69	69¼
Gap Inc Del	35¼	36¼
Gen Dynamics	65¼	65¼
Gen Electric	85	84¼
Gen Mills	55¼	55¼
Gen Motors	51¼	52¼
Gen Reinsurance	151¼	151¼
Gen Signal	39¼	39¼
Genuine Parts	43¼	43¼
Georgia Pac	77¼	77¼
Gillette	64¼	64¼
Glaxo Welle ADR	28	28¼
Goodrich (BF)	37¼	37¼
Goodyear Tire	46¼	46
Grace (W&R)	67¼	66¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26¼	27¼
Great Wstn Fin	24¼	24¼
Halliburton	54¼	51¼
Harcourt General	48¼	48¼
Heinz (HJ)	32¼	31¼
Hercules	52¼	52¼
Hershey Foods	88¼	88¼
Hewlett Packard	42¼	41¼
Hilton Hotels	104¼	104¼
Home Depot	53	52¼
Homestake Mng	16¼	16¼
Honeywell	57¼	57¼
Household Intl	80¼	81
Houston Inds	22¼	22¼
Humana	18¼	18¼
ITT Corp	56	56¼
Illinois Tool	70¼	69¼
Illinova	26¼	26¼
INCO	31¼	31¼
Ingersoll Rand	44¼	45¼
Inland Steel	17¼	17¼
Intel Corp	80¼	81
IBM	109¼	110
Intl Flav & Fr	45¼	45
Intl Paper	41¼	41¼
James River Va	26¼	26¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	52¼	51¼
Kellogg	74¼	74¼
Kerr-McGee	59¼	56¼
Kimberly-Clark	78¼	79
Kmart	10¼	10¼
Knight-Ridder	33¼	33¼
Lilly (Eli)	58¼	58¼
Limited Inc	20	20¼
Lincoln Nat	44¼	44¼
Litton	45¼	45¼
Liz Claiborne	34¼	34¼
Lockheed Martin	87¼	87¼
Louisiana Pac	21¼	21¼
MCI Comm	26¼	26¼
Marriott Int	56¼	56¼
Marsh & McLnn	93¼	93¼
Masco Corp	29¼	29
May Dept St	45¼	45
Maytag Corp	21¼	20¼
McDonalds	47¼	47¼
McDonnell D	49¼	50¼
McGraw Hill	42¼	42¼
Mead Corp	60¼	60¼
Medtronic	54¼	54¼
Mellon Bk	57	56¼
Melville Corp	43¼	43¼
Merck Inc	69¼	69¼
Merrill Lynch	64¼	64¼
Microsoft	125¼	124¼
Minnesota Mine	67¼	67
Mobil Corp	114¼	113¼
Monsanto	31¼	31¼
Morgan (JP)	90¼	91
Motorola Inc	54¼	54
Natl Semi	15¼	15¼
Natl Service Ind	39¼	39¼
Navistar Int	9¼	9¼
NY Times A	31¼	31¼
Newmont Mng	52¼	51¼
Niag Mohawk	8¼	8¼
Nike B	106¼	104¼
NL Industries	10	10¼
Noram Energy	14¼	14¼
Nordstrom	39¼	38¼
Norfolk Sthrn	84¼	84¼

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Oracle	40	39¼
Oryx Energy Co	17¼	17
Overseas Ship	19	19¼
Owens Corning	38	38¼
PHH Corp	28¼	28¼
PPG Industries	51¼	51¼
PNC Bank	31¼	31¼
PP&L Res	23	22¼
Paccar Inc	46¼	46¼
Pacificorp	20¼	21
Pac Enterprises	31	31
Pac Gas & Elect	20	19¼
Pac Telesis	34¼	34¼
Pall Corp	23¼	23
Parker Hannifin	37¼	37¼
Peco Energy	24	24
Penney (JC)	53¼	53¼
Pennzoil	54	53¼
Pepsico	30¼	31¼
Pfizer	74¼	72¼
Pharm & Upjhn	42¼	42¼
Phelps Dodge	59	58¼
Philip Morris	89¼	89¼
Phillips Pet	40¼	40¼
Pitney Bowes	49¼	49¼
Polaroid	43	43¼
PriceCostco	20¼	20¼
Procter & Gmbl	91¼	90¼
Providian	40¼	39¼
Pub Serv E & G	27¼	27¼
Quaker Oats	34¼	34
Ralston Purina	66¼	66¼
Raychem Corp	68¼	68¼
Raytheon	50¼	51¼
Reebok Intl	35¼	35¼
Reynolds Metals	51¼	51¼
Rockwell Intl	54¼	54¼
Rohm & Haas	61¼	61¼
Royal Dutch	153	152¼
Rubbermaid	27¼	28
SBC Comms	49¼	49¼
Safeco Corp	33¼	33¼
St Paul's Cos	52¼	52¼
Salomon Inc	45¼	45
Sara Lee Corp	31¼	31¼
Schering Plough	56¼	57
Schlumberger	85¼	84¼
Seagram	34¼	34¼
Sears Roebuck	45¼	46¼
Shell Trans	88¼	87¼
Sherwin Wllms	49¼	49¼
Skyline Corp	25¼	25¼
Snap-On-Tools	46¼	45¼
Southern Co	22¼	22¼
Sprint Corp	39¼	39¼
Stanley Works	28¼	29
Sun Company	25¼	25¼
Sun Microsys	53¼	55
Suntrust	39¼	39¼
Supervalu	28	27¼
Sysco Corp	31¼	30¼
TRW Inc	93	93¼
TCC Inds	1¼	1¼
Tandem Comp	10¼	10¼
Tandy Corp	45	45¼
Temple Inland	51¼	51¼
Tenneco	51¼	51¼
Texaco	88¼	87¼
Texas Inst	46¼	46¼
Texas Utilities	42¼	42¼
Textron	84¼	84¼
Time Warner	34¼	34¼
Times-Mirror A	44	44
Timken	38¼	37¼
Torchmark	43¼	43¼
Toys R Us	28¼	28¼
Transamerica	69¼	69¼
Travelers	45¼	45¼
Tribune	73¼	73
Tyco Int	43¼	43¼
UST Inc	31¼	31¼
UAL	48¼	48¼
US Inds	27¼	27
US West Comm	30¼	30¼
USX Marathon	20¼	20¼
Unicom	23¼	23¼
Unilever NV	145¼	143¼
Union Camp	51¼	51
Union Carbide	43	42¼
Union Pacific	72¼	72¼
Unisys Corp	5¼	5¼
USAIR Group	17¼	18
USF&G Corp	16¼	16¼
US Life	30¼	30¼
United Tech	116	116
Unocal Corp	34¼	34¼
VF Corp	60	59¼
WMX Tech	31¼	31¼
Wal-Mart Stores	27¼	27¼
Warner-Lambert	58¼	57¼
Wells Fargo	251¼	251¼
Westinghouse El	15¼	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	45¼	45¼
Whirlpool	49¼	49¼
Whitman	23¼	23¼

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Visa tests the hackers

HOW do you tackle electronic fraud? Call in the experts. Visa International has hired professional hackers to try and crack a "foolproof" system for conducting financial transactions on the Internet.

Tests at Visa's offices in London and San Francisco will have a key bearing on the future of electronic banking.

Payment card providers hope to establish a benchmark system — Secure Electronic Transaction (SET) — as the industry standard for Internet dealing. Hans van der Velde, president of Visa's European operations, says none of the hackers has yet succeeded in cracking the system.

The first of the new cards is due in the UK next year.

Lloyds dilemma

WHEN Lloyds Bank announced it was taking over Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society and then TSB Group last year it was widely held that Sir Brian Pitman had an heir and a spare. But by early this year Andrew Longhurst was making it clear that he was no longer a candidate for chief executive, despite the success of the mortgage business. Now word reaches us from the offices surrounding the yellow linoleum on the executive floor of Lloyds's head office in Lombard street that Peter Ellwood is not quite the international banker that the board wants to fill the role. It might be time for Sir Brian to get out his chequebook again to buy another company and a chief executive, otherwise an outsider candidate may have to be appointed.

Sir Brian: another buy?

Crash course

HE'S BACK! Jeffrey Robinson, best-selling author of *The Laundrymen*, is back in print with *The Hotel* (Simon & Schuster, £15.99), which shadows life in the hallowed corridors of Claridge's. And a curious life it is, too — from the guest who handed over his watch as payment for his bill, to the visitor who requested an Indian elephant for a ride in Regent's Park. And if you experience guilt at removing the odd bar of soap or shampoo from your room — get this. Robinson tells of the guest who helped himself to an entire breakfast service, steadily removing cups, saucers, coffee pots and cutlery. The general manager foiled him by having his suitcases "accidentally" thrown down the stairs.

Cold facts

AS THE City sweltered yesterday and Argos produced pretty hot results, its stores were already into winter mode. The winter catalogue, launched in late July, is big on snowboots but has no hosepipe attachments and is short on swimwear. They will be available in January, no doubt.

DRIVERS on holiday in the remote parts of Finland ought to be careful. The Finnish police plan to start using a harpoon fired from the front bumper of police patrol cars which pierces the boot of a fleeing vehicle. As the police car brakes, the offending driver is forced to slow down.

Good times may be around the corner but confidence is taking a long time to return to consumers who lack job security and are fearful of negative equity

Silver lining of recovery is tarnished by caution

Alasdair Murray on the fundamental change in attitude of 1990s consumers

The date on the invitation seems to have been changed several times and you are a little baffled by the "sold" sign outside the venue, but the noise coming from inside suggests that you have the right time and place. You tuck your rather battered car between the rows of gleaming "P" regs and wander in through the freshly painted front door.

You advance through the crowded room, where everyone seems to be wearing conspicuously new clothes, carefully sidestepping the man from the Halifax who is trying to engage anyone who will listen in a conversation about house prices. On the far side of the room, you think you spy a smiling Ken Clarke, pausing between sips of a strong-looking cocktail to reset the CD to play James Brown's soul classic *I Feel Good*. Only a sombre-faced Eddie George lookalike seems not to be enjoying himself, standing alone and muttering something about "inflation" and how "it will all end in tears".

You know you too should be enjoying yourself: after all the party has been thrown in your honour. But somehow you just can't help feeling that something is not quite right . . .

Ever since Norman Lamont rather optimistically spotted the "green shoots of recovery" four years ago, the return of the "feel-good" factor has remained an elusive goal. But it is only in the last few months that genuine evidence has begun to emerge that consumers are recovering some confidence.

The headline statistics are clear — retail spending is rising, house prices are rising, incomes are rising and unemployment is falling — leading some commentators to hail the start of a 1980s-style "shop till you drop" boom. But the numbers are often deceptive, concealing the patchy and fragile nature of the recovery.

Retail spending is expected to show a rise again when the figures for July are published on Wednesday. But after June's 1.3 per cent jump, taking the annual rate of growth to 3.3 per cent, economists are predicting more modest growth for July. There is also plenty of evidence that despite the recent growth in spending prices remain under pressure in the high street, with the retailers continuing to discount heavily. Spending also appears to be concentrated on a relatively small number of areas: consumer durables such as electrical goods, clothing and footwear and domestic services which include nannies, child minders and cleaning services. Housing-related expenditure has improved but has hardly reached boom proportions.

Peter Warburton, UK economist at Robert Fleming Securities, believes that this patchy spending record is partly because of the rather mixed improvement in incomes. On the surface, incomes appear to be rising at their fastest level since the late-1980s. Personal balance sheets improved by 9 per cent between the end of June 1995 and June 1996 — a rise of 6.4 per cent in real terms. But much of the gain derives from the booming stock market which boosts dividend payments and stock market-based investments. For most people these gains only register in their pension funds — which will hardly prompt a rush of spending. The increase in real household disposable income — excluding pension and life funds — is more modest. The figures also disguise the fact that real wealth is still recovering from a five-year period of decline — by 15 per cent between 1990 and 1995.

The other principal measure of people's wealth — average earnings — has also begun to register more positively in recent months. Average earnings growth measured 3.75 per cent in July. In contrast, the tax and prices index, which measures the impact of inflation and direct taxation, fell to 0.6 per cent, its lowest level in recent years. This implies that real earnings growth stands at around 3 per cent.

But the tax and prices index is a slightly crude measurement which does not accommodate council tax or indirect taxation. Equally, much of the recent rise in pay can be ascribed to bumper bonuses paid out by companies to already high-earning staff off the back of a strong corporate performance last year. In contrast, figures published by the CBI yesterday point to pay rises in the manufacturing sector — traditionally most vulnerable to pay inflation — falling back in the second quarter.

Mr Warburton believes that the spending and income data point to a very mixed improvement in consumer wealth and confidence with only certain sections of the population faring particularly well. He says: "I think that the rise in spending is very vulnerable. Income growth remains surprisingly tight and much of it is coming from irregular incomes such as self-employment and bonuses."

Earnings were an important ingredient in the 1980s consumer boom but it was house-price inflation that really underpinned the growth in expenditure. Between 1986 and 1989, real directly held wealth soared 54 per cent. Almost all of this growth stemmed from the rise in house prices with liquid assets, such as stock market investments, actually falling £50 billion in the same period.

House prices are at last beginning to pick up and desirable residences are shifting fast. The Nationwide Building Society index of house prices is rising by a year-on-year rate of 3.8 per cent, expected to increase to the heady rate of 5 per cent by the end of the year.

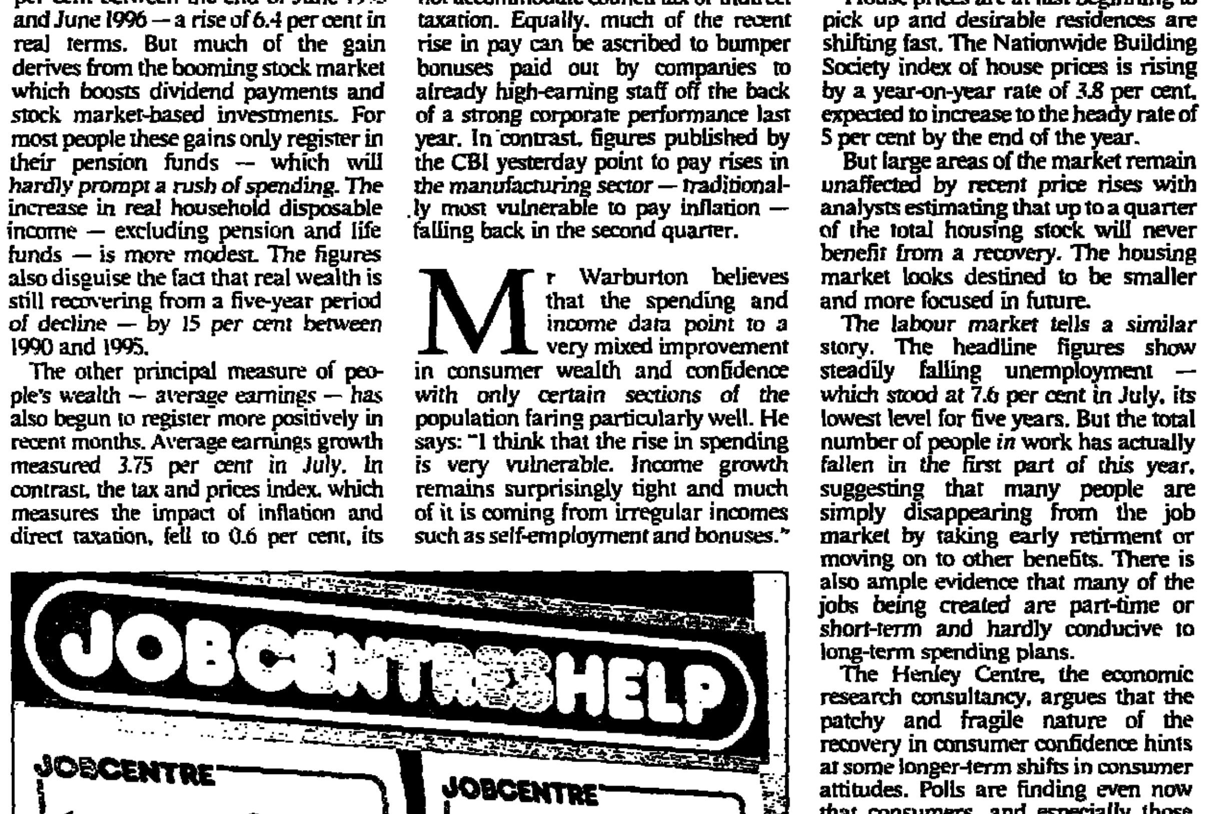
But large areas of the market remain unaffected by recent price rises with analysts estimating that up to a quarter of the total housing stock will never benefit from a recovery. The housing market looks destined to be smaller and more focused in future.

The labour market tells a similar story. The headline figures show steadily falling unemployment — which stood at 7.6 per cent in July, its lowest level for five years. But the total number of people *in* work has actually fallen in the first part of this year, suggesting that many people are simply disappearing from the job market by taking early retirment or moving on to other benefits. There is also ample evidence that many of the jobs being created are part-time or short-term and hardly conducive to long-term spending plans.

The Henley Centre, the economic research consultancy, argues that the patchy and fragile nature of the recovery in consumer confidence hints at some longer-term shifts in consumer attitudes. Polls are finding even now that consumers, and especially those over 35, are surprisingly gloomy.

Stephen Radley, an economist at Henley, says: "In the 1980s people were spoilt. Income and house prices were rising fast and this set a yardstick. The Government had the benefit of North Sea oil and privatisation receipts which enabled it to cut taxes whilst increasing public expenditure."

But the Government can no longer juggle tax cuts and public spending so easily, and something will inevitably have to give. Just as people are feeling increasingly insecure about their jobs, they face a tough choice between some extra money in their wage packets or trying to preserve the state safety net. Spending tax cuts on sickness and unemployment insurance, to cover the growing gaps in provision, will not make the consumer feel good. For the moment, things might be getting slightly better, but being a consumer is just not quite as much fun as it used to be.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Unemployment is declining yet so is the quality of the jobs available

JANET BUSH

Jordan placed on breadline

Think back to the furore that greeted Norman Lamont's announcement that he was imposing VAT on domestic fuel and you can imagine, if only dimly, the dismay of Jordanians faced with the overnight doubling of the price of bread.

The trigger for three days of violent rioting was last Tuesday's abolition of subsidies on bread. Subsidies on cattle fodder had already been removed some weeks ago as part of an International Monetary Fund "stabilisation" programme. The price of dairy products has risen 20 per cent. Bread has jumped from 12 cents a kilo to 26 cents a kilo.

According to the IMF's sister organisation, the World Bank, 15 per cent of Jordanians are estimated to be living below the most widely accepted definition of the poverty line. The poor spend half their income on food. Bread is their staple diet.

King Husain has promised to deal with rioters with an iron fist and has accused disruptive foreign elements — easily decipherable code for Iraq — of whipping up discontent. Relations with Iraq, Jordan's most important trading partner until they fell out after the Gulf War, deteriorate further.

Israel, with whom Jordan signed its historic peace agreement in 1994 amid hopes of a lucrative peace dividend, looks on nervously. Jordan, a political oasis in the livid Middle Eastern landscape, threatens to become a source of instability.

To a British person, far better off than the average Jordanian and enjoying the comparative luxury of VAT exemption on food and items deemed necessary in a civilised society, such as books, doubling the price of bread may seem an astonishing move. It is certainly a blunt and punitive instrument in a country classified by the World Bank as lower middle income.

Jordan will point to the gain that is expected to accompany the pain. It is calculated, on the simplest level, that the rise in bread prices brings Jordan a third nearer to the fiscal targets set by the IMF. When those are met, the hope is that more IMF and World Bank money will be forthcoming and, with the IMF quality stamp in place, more foreign capital. The multilateral lenders will argue, as always, that those countries that embrace the most radical market liberalisation will see the swiftest rewards as the economy's natural dynamism is unleashed.

It is true that radical shock therapy has yielded dividends elsewhere. Peru, under the IMF's tutelage, removed all subsidies one day in 1990. Prices exploded, the population's protein intake dropped 30 per cent in four months, cholera broke out. But in five years Peru's inflation rate fell from more than 7,000 per cent to 10 per cent, and the major macroeconomic indicators became healthy enough to persuade the Paris Club of creditors to reschedule Peru's debt. Arguments about the widening gap between rich and poor still abound but the IMF can claim limited vindication.

The question remains whether Jordan should be a candidate for the toughest kind of emergency measures. Peru was a basket case in 1990. Jordan was close to it in 1989, when the dinar collapsed, the banking system went into crisis and Jordan defaulted on some $8 billion of debt.

But under a five-year IMF programme, from 1992 to 1997, Jordan has done well. Inflation has fallen from 16 per cent in 1990 to around 4 per cent now. Its budget deficit has declined from 18 per cent of gross domestic product in 1991 to around 4.5 per cent now. Investment is high, exports are growing.

It seems inconceivable that hiking the price of a subsistence food was the best option for making further progress. There must be other, far more substantial savings to be had. An obvious source of relief would be some serious write-offs of Jordan's $5.9 billion of foreign debt. Or the World Bank could tie future loans to cuts in the profligate spending of the bureaucratic elites.

The Bank itself argues that fragile economic progress can only be built on if the harshness of change is mitigated and the democratic consensus preserved. How useful is another couple of percentage points off the budget deficit if public order collapses? The Jordanian bread riots may be another case of long-term progress being compromised by foolish short-term deciions made under the pressure of unrealistic IMF deadlines.

King Husain meets one of his soldiers in riot-torn Jordan

BUSINESS LETTERS

BA alliance is one way to maintain UK's position as a leader in the world aviation industry

From Gwyneth Dunwoody MP

Sir, I have been interested to see the ongoing correspondence from British Airways and Virgin Atlantic regarding the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines.

The widespread concerns about the consequences for competition of the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines is understandable. However, after careful consideration I believe, as did the majority of the Transport Select Committee, that there was no merit in a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The way forward is the introduction of the independent tribunal proposed by the Department of Transport, which would provide a speedy and effective means of policing competition by ensuring that competitors would not suffer as a consequence of any abuse by the proposed alliance and, indeed, any future alliances. The tribunal would also offer a mechanism to look after the consumer's interests.

According to many of the airlines who submitted evidence to the recent Transport Committee inquiry, their demands could be met with reasonably modest increases in the slot allocations at Heathrow. This small increase could be accommodated by the increase in slot capacity already identified.

We need urgent consideration of the introduction of mixed-mode operations at Heathrow, which would also provide a further ten slots per hour. Whilst not underestimating the environmental considerations of such a move, a public consultation exercise is needed.

Both the airline industry and the travelling public benefit from fair competition in the aviation market. The key aim must be to ensure that the major UK carriers are able to compete against their foreign counterparts.

The trend towards the concentration of the aviation sector is set to continue and will be accelerated following the full liberalisation of the aviation market by the European Union in 1997. The proposed alliance could also stimulate similar deals between other carriers.

An alliance between British Airways and American Airlines is *one* way of ensuring that the UK aviation industry does not lose out and ensures that the UK maintains its position as a leader in the world aviation industry.

Only then will we protect the thousands of UK jobs reliant on its success.

Yours faithfully,

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Senior Member Transport Committee,
House of Commons.

Caparo judgment emphasised the stewardship aspect of accounts

From Mr D. R Myddleton

Sir, Duncan Alexander (Letters, August 13) says: "Since the rather strange House of Lords Caparo judgment in 1990, investors have lost their right to make investment judgments on audited accounts". This is a bizarre interpretation.

The point of Caparo is that annual accounts are stewardship documents. (It is surprising that only as an afterthought did the Accounting Standards Board insert "stewardship" as one of the purposes of accounting in their now withdrawn draft Statement of Principles.)

Backward-looking accounts are not intended to help speculators predict the uncertain future. (The Companies Act has a separate part dealing with prospectuses). Hence modern emphasis on "decision-usefulness" as the primary purpose of accounts is misguided.

Yours faithfully,
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The choice now on interest rates

From Mr W. R. Eyres

Sir, The boom in retail sales and consumer credit reported in your August 9 edition means there is little justification for a further drop in interest rates. Virtually the only argument left for one is the slackness of manufacturing output.

On past experience, however, cheaper credit now would be more likely to intensify the consumer boom and finance property speculation than lead to a rise in manufacturing activity and investment.

The case for a rise in interest rates now, as put by the Charterhouse group (*The Times*, August 7) is that a stitch in time, so to speak, would save a 9 per cent rate next year. It is a reasonable choice.

Yours faithfully,
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Evidence of changing times at the Bank

From H. M. Gadsby

Sir, When Lord Cromer was at the Bank it was respected and he was the Governor. The present incumbent might be called its chairman, but regretfully, the respect has long since evaporated. Before the disastrous so-called Big Bang, one might be asked to let the Bank know if he came across anything which they might like to know. I suppose everyone is now so glued to their "screens" that they fail to notice what, for instance, Messrs Barings were up to!

Yours faithfully,
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Modest falls at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	447	-2	6.6	16.9
625	500	Bulmer (HP)†	589	-3	2.8	19.7
131	86	Burn Stewart	101		6.2	21.8
775	675	Glenmorangie A	765		2.0	19.6
464	411	Grand Met†	462	+4	4.1	19.6
493	435	Guinness	472½	-7½	3.9	15.4
378	315	Highland Distl	358	-1	2.8	16.7
195	150	Macallan-Glen	158		1.3	32.4
803	655	Matthew Clark†	685	-3	4.4	32.6
141	93	Merrydown Wt	122		4.6	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1775	+37½	2.0	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3612½	+28¼	4.1	11.7
663	528	Abbey Natl	585	-7¼	4.9	10.8
385	315	Allied Irish	371		4.9	10.6
337	285	Aus New Z	337	+7	5.5	8.3
5443¾	3843¾	Bank America†	5337½	+6¼		
316	227½	Bank Scotland	249		3.4	10.5
933	683	Barclays†	929	+8	3.8	10.1
488	413	Bk of Ireland†	475		4.0	10.9
482	379	Cater Allen	423		8.9	12.5
5668¾	4031¼	Citicorp†	5668¾	+93¾		
392	318	Close Bros	340	+1	3.3	15.1
£157¾	£131¼	Commerzbk	£152¾	+125	3.4	
1350	1069¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1083¾	-3¼	0.5	
3412½	2960	Deutsche Bk	3259¾	+25	2.4	
803¾	593¾	Espirito Santo	793¾	+81¼	4.5	10.6
1507	1187¾	Fuji Bank Y	1192¾	+1½	0.4	
472	337	Gerrard Nat	340		8.5	10.8
256	196	Hambros†	256	+14	3.7	
1174	931	HSBC†	1157	-2	4.1	11.0
1142	930	HSBC Hld†	1137		4.2	10.7
421	385	Irish Perm	417		3.0	11.4
177	143	King Shaxson	165		6.8	14.3
458	405	Leopold J†	448		5.4	16.2
370	294½	Lloyds TSB†	359	-10	4.2	15.2
641	566	Nat Aust Bk	641	+18	6.9	8.1
711	605½	Nat West†	690	-1½	4.8	9.9
66	50	Rea Brothers	51		3.5	19.6
596	468	Ryl Bk Scot	513	-4	4.1	11.3
1380	1185	Schroders	1365	-3	1.5	19.0
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1073	-2	1.9	14.9
122½	99½	Singer & Fried	118	-1	4.2	9.8
719	547	Stand Chart†	711	-1½	2.1	13.9
106	85½	Union	99		3.8	10.5
£174¾	£131¾	Wells Fargo†	£162¾	+125	2.1	
329½	284	Westpac	307½	+8½	4.7	9.3
360	268	Woolwich	358		4.5	17.5

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	36	Abtrn Sk HG	65			5.5
387	263	Ascot Hldgs	335			12.7
839	702	Bass	823	+2	3.5	17.7
70	40	Bk for the Bdr	47		4.5	
177	161	Burtonwd Brw	169	+1	4.1	15.3
126½	92	City Centre Rest	119	+1	2.4	22.3
621	463	Compass Gp	554	-1	1.8	26.4
266	190	Eldridge P A'C	264		2.3	24.3
540	413	Fuller Sm A'C†	498	-7	2.3	17.0
636	546	Greenalls Gp	575	-1	3.2	15.6
671	567½	Greene King▼	630		3.1	15.5
285	207	Grosvenor Inns	209	-1	3.5	
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	217		1.5	22.0
357	299	Hardy Hansn	304		4.2	11.3
3475	3050	Holt J	3075		2.3	16.7
72	45	Int Business	63	-1	1.1	29.5
355	312	Mansfield	314		2.3	15.3
353½	275	Marston Thmp	291	-1	3.1	11.9
673	535	Morland	565	+1	2.7	17.1
154	116	My Kinda Town	151		2.5	14.9
7¼	4½	Paramount	6¼		4.4	10.0
170	133	Pelican Gp†	169		1.5	23.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	428	Brammer	545	..	3.3	17.0
26	18	Bridgend Gp	36		1.0	
113	76	Brit Fittings	100		4.5	13.7
290	245	Caffyns	285		5.0	22.6
160	105	Caverdale†	142		3.0	9.3
107½	78	Charles Sidney	96		4.9	13.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	70		3.8	8.4
404¾	278¾	Cowie▼	359		3.7	12.4
175	120½	Dag Motors	140		6.9	9.7
163	129¾	Desmond El	138		2.4	13.8
434	328	Diploma	343		5.3	12.1
407	326	Electrocomponts	369		2.2	23.7
314	172	Eurodis Elec	194	-6	3.2	
134	65	Eurodollar	100		5.2	15.0
105	76	European Mtr†	101	-1	6.4	11.4
375	286	Evans Halshaw	310	+1	6.7	11.3
67	48	Fife Indmar	50		8.2	6.9
338	248	Frost Grp	284	+1	2.5	16.7
30½	16½	Gardiner	29½		3.8	11.6
81	33½	Glenchewton	78	+1	1.4	57.3
91	76	Gowrings	77		4.5	11.7
101	87	Hamlet†	100		7.5	
292	216	Harris (Philip)	263		3.9	19.8
293	200½	Headlam	277		2.2	22.1
200	132	Holders Tech†	178		4.2	16.7
190	153	ISA Intl	190		1.7	17.2
316	231	Inchcape	291	+2	4.0	
78	33	Jacks (Wm)	75		2.9	29.0
251	169	Kwik-Fit	246		2.5	17.3
389	299	Lex Service†	375	+1	5.1	12.0
155	119	Lookers†	127		7.9	7.4
17	10½	Malaya Grp	11½		7.0	12.2
9¼	6¼	Middlesex©	6¼		1.5	10.0
47	31	Midstates	41		0.7	
565	440	Norbert	499		1.9	14.6
349	230	Normanby	289		1.0	10.6
162	108	PCT©	125		7.7	12.1
341	272	Pendragon	318	+2	3.5	16.1
211	145	Perry Gp	185		5.4	11.0
745	602	Premier Farnell	624	-1	2.2	16.6
190	135	Quicks Group	189		4.1	15.8
315	185	REA†	249		2.0	31.6
3	2	Reece	2½	+¼		
61	33	Ransom†	33		5.7	10.1
4½	2	Ross Gp	3¼			
56	46½	SEP Indl	52		4.0	11.7
195	120	Saltire	152	+8	0.8	20.3
373	248	Time Products	347	+3	3.6	
41	30	Torq Hire	36		4.5	18.9
234	173	UMECO	233	+10	2.3	20.5
332½	263¾	Vardy (Reg)	308		2.7	14.3
463	325	Wholesale Ftgs	450		3.7	
59	25½	Wilshaw	32½	-1	3.3	8.6
155	78	Wyko	144		2.0	
133	104	Young (H)	118	..	4.2	10.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1½	0¾	Anglo Utd	0¾			
388	288	Antofagasta	303		2.1	10.2
1056	804	Broken Hill	893	+23	2.9	19.4
340	229	BTR	251	-4½	7.3	10.5
586	449	BAT†	452	-13	6.8	8.9
224	173½	Berisford Intl	174	-1	2.5	12.6
134	108	Bibby (J)	128	+2	5.9	9.3
64¾	50¾	Brierley Inv	63½	+1	7.3	3.3
972	810	Charter	866	-5	4.0	12.8
328	247	Cookson	290	+1½	4.0	13.1
193	141	Cosalt†	184		6.2	11.6
283	204	DCC	271		3.1	10.7
140	113	Grampian Hdg	128		6.0	14.2
220	157½	Hanson	162¾	-¼	9.4	8.1
172½	121	Harrisn Crsfld	127	-2	8.9	12.3
439¼	379½	Hutch Whamp	397½	+5½	2.0	21.3
563½	389¼	Jardine Math	419	-7¼	3.9	
217½	162	Lonrho†	165	-2	3.6	19.7
191	164	McLeod Russel	175		4.6	15.0
478	368	Powell Duffryn	430	+1	7.1	
146	120	Ropner	125		8.2	9.5
188	155	Sime Darby	188		2.6	17.0
232	184	Staveley	191		5.9	12.9
228	156	Suter	225		5.7	13.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
299	200	Quadramatic	278		3.9	16.2
18	4	Quadrant Gp	9		1.5	
65	62	Radiant Metal	85			
69	53	Ransomes†	61		1.0	14.9
83	55½	Record	66		6.8	12.4
324	291	Renold	289		2.4	13.9
38	13	Richards Group	14		20.1	
89	74	Richardson West	74		6.2	8.6
246	187	Rolls-Royce	218	-1½	2.9	26.0
258	171	Rotork	258		3.1	21.0
192	160	Rubicon	175		4.4	
1568¾	1187½	SKF 'B'	1434¾	+18¾	3.6	8.0
112	92½	Senior Eng	99		4.5	18.7
278	156	Smith-Rye	276	+14	1.4	28.6
938	750	Siebe†	925	+2	1.8	21.0
84	47	Simon Eng	49		1.6	10.9
301	150	Six Hundred	283		1.8	12.4
746	622	Smiths Ind	733	+2	2.5	21.8
782	593	Spirax-Sarco	782		2.1	23.1
324	287	Sterling Ind	321		3.3	17.2
562	456	TI†	541	-2	3.1	19.3
124	92	Tinsley (E)†	121	+1	6.0	13.6
121	72	Transtec	113		2.4	24.5
180	140	Triplex Lloyd†	170		5.1	10.2
161	137	Unicorn Intl	158		4.4	9.4
82½	71	Utd Inds	71		4.0	10.5
23	10½	Verson	21			
302	241	Vickers	267		3.1	17.4
14	9	Villiers Grp	10			18.8
770	656	Vinc	670	+1	2.0	12.8
882	750	Vosper Thorny	785		3.7	13.7
436	306	Wagon Ind	338		7.6	9.0
271	212	Weir	219	-2	4.3	13.2
275	228	Wellington Hdg	266		3.5	17.5
59	42	Wellman†	54½		4.1	10.0
435	363	Whatman	435		3.4	18.5
122	73	Widney	77		5.8	8.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	122	+1	8.0	34.8
295	260	Airflow Stream	260		4.3	6.9
677	473	Avon Rubber	656		3.4	16.0
92	57¾	BSG	84½	-½	4.7	15.5
353	273	Bertrand	331	+3	2.5	14.5
28	15	Bossheadt	17		7.4	
307	175	ERF	293		1.9	
551	431	First Tech	551	+12	1.9	
1044	778	GKN†	1024	-1½	3.0	17.7
3800	2850	General Mtr†	3375		3.1	
689	497	Henlys	657	-2	2.3	19.3
1758¾	1312¾	Honda Motor	1504¾	+6¾	0.6	
502	386	Laird	478	+3	3.1	13.9
475	425	Loades	475		0.3	
258	172	Lucas†	237½	+1	3.7	31.8
130½	91	Mayflower	121½		2.2	34.3
193	145	Syltone	186		3.9	14.2
187	127	T & N	140½	+8½	5.3	9.0
433	350	Trinity Hldgs	386		2.8	17.9

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
429	355	AB Food†	403	-4	2.7	14.5
284	223	Acatos & Hutch	245		4.6	20.1

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Grolund Amer	217 10	229.70	+ 1 40	0 14
Grolund Equity	280 70	298 60	+ 1.10	1.80
Grolund Euro	269.40	284 00†	+ 3 60	0 58
Grolund Expl Bd	130 50	135.20†		2 60
Grolund Gilt	75 13	77 61†	+ 0 11	6 45
Grolund Japan	176.40	186.70	..	

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
01203 553 231

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	566 00	708 60	+ 3 30	2 47
General Inc	565 80	602.00	+ 2 70	2 47
UK Growth Acc	453.50	482.50	+ 2.30	2.66
UK Growth Inc	297.70	316 80	+ 1 60	2.66
Higher Inc Acc	798.60	849 60	+ 2.50	4 12
Higher Inc Inc	435 60	463 50	+ 1 40	4 12
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	211.30	223 10	+ 0.20	5 53
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94 83	100 10	+ 0.10	5 53
Nth America	367.50	391.00	+ 1 70	
Europe	358 10	381 00	+ 2.20	0 34
Brit Ethical	90 00	95 75	+ 0 43	2.83
Brit Frndmts Acc	114 80	122.20	+ 0.30	4.65
Brit Frndmts Inc	78.72	83.75	+ 0.25	4 65
Global Opps	104.20	110.90	+ 0 70	0.08
Balanced Acc	63 39	67 44	+ 0.22	2 64
Balanced Inc	59 98	63.81	+ 0.21	2.64
Japan Acc	47 10	50 11	+ 0 18	
Pac Basin Acc	405.80	431.80	+ 1 70	0 89

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed Int	130 50	138 50	+ 0.20	7.05
High Inc Equity	183 00	195 70†		4 40
Worldwide Bond	287.50	304 90†		4 02
American Growth	369 00	394 70	+ 1.80	0.32
Asian Pacific	328 00	350 80	+ 0 60	0 04
Assets & Earnings	302.80	323 90	+ 0 90	2.78
Euro Capital Acc	184.20	197 00	+ 0 90	0.80
Extra Inc	43 49	46.27†	- 0 01	7 75
General	275 90	293.50†	+ 0 80	2.99
Global Opps	68 60	72.98	+ 0.24	0.56
Japan	122.90	131 40	+ 0 10	
Managed Inc	48 21	51.29†	+ 0.06	4 68
Mastertrust	168 20	179 90	+ 0 50	1 02
US Emerging Cos	205 80	218 90	- 0 20	
Ethical	81.53	86.73	+ 0.26	2.46
International	138 80	147 70	+ 0.40	0.29
Dividend & Growth	68 14	72.49†	+ 0.10	4.34
Global Gwth & Sec	73.43	78 46	+ 0.14	2.33
Latin America	65.62	69.81	+ 0.52	
Capital Reserve	145 00	145.00		4.83

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	101.24	107 94†	+ 0.32	2.37
American Portfolio	121 90	129.58	+ 0.67	0.88
European Portfolio	132.39	141 99	+ 0.57	0.62
High Income	51 38	51 49†	+ 0.04	7 13
Japanese Portfolio	69 92	74.29†	+ 0.17	
Pacific Portfolio	154.92	165.59	+ 0.01	1 43
UK Equity	97 33	103.97	+ 0 34	3.06
UK Equity & Bd	57.56	61 03	- 0.08	6.25

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0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fund	754.37	765 77		4 30
Fxd In Sec	156.06	156.69		9 13

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Inc	747.55	758.85		4.39
Investment Acc	134 07	134 59		
Fixed Int Inc	126 06	126.56		9 17
Fixed Int Acc	224 56	225.46		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	90.07	95 16		3 02
Beck Bio-Tech	41 37	44 79		
Accm Ethical 1st	184.23	193.46		0.44
City Fin Assets	82 82	86.98	+ 1.60	1.54
City Fin America	110 10	115.62		
City Fin Intl	91.09	96 64		0.45
City Fin Japan	151.63	159 44		
Friars Hse Cap	321 30	341.81†	+ 2.04	2 48
Friars Hse Inc	200 11	212.88	+ 1 07	3.54
Buckley Wood Gth	145.53	154.26		
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	55.53	58 31		3 31
Show Utilities	58 49	58.67	- 0.02	6 10

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	57 11	60.59†	- 0.03	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0345 772 233

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	78 50	83.51	+ 0 16	
Dragon Growth	71 74	76.72	+ 0 19	0.41
Equity High Inc	89.97	96.55	+ 0.38	4 07
-do- Accum	128.01	137.38	+ 0.54	4 07
Extra Income Inc	26.32	27 70	+ 0.09	7.51
Extra Income Acc	28.54	30.04	+ 0.10	7.51
European Gwth	62.80	66.63	+ 0.23	0.97
Evergreen	32.07	34.29	+ 0.11	
General Equity	102.56	108 81	+ 0.42	2.98
Japan Growth	51.83	55.14	+ 0.22	
Pedigree Gwth	63 90	67.98	+ 0.23	2.38
Ped Sm Cos Inc	38.58	41.04	+ 0.13	1.48
-do- Accum	40.87	43.48	+ 0.14	1.48

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0845 775511

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	78.75	83.90	+ 0.31	
-do- Accum	78.75	83.90	+ 0.31	
Amer Smlr Cos	672.70	719.50†	+ 4.80	
-do- Accum	687.30	735.10†	+ 4.10	
Capital Tst	392.30	417.30	+ 2.10	1.13
-do- Accum	573.00	609.60	+ 3.10	1.13
Contl Smlr Cos	63.27	67.44	+ 0.30	0.42
-do- Accum	67.32	71.75	+ 0.32	0.42
Convertible	141.00	150.00	- 0.18	5.80
-do- Accum	305.30	324.60	- 0.20	5.60
Emerging Markets	68.28	72.86	- 1.21	0.25
-do- Accum	68.43	73.11	- 1.21	0.25
European	151.80	160.50	+ 0.80	0.90
-do- Accum	160.98	170.50	+ 0.80	0.90
Extra Income	380.10	404.40†	- 1.80	4.10
-do- Accum	605.00	643.60†	- 2.90	4.10
Financial	171.00	181.90	+ 2.30	0.54
-do- Accum	181.70	193.30	+ 2.40	0.54
Gilt Trust	64.63	66.64	+ 0.06	6.79
-do- Accum	97.88	100.90	+ 0.10	6.79
Health Fund Inc	256.90	273.40	+ 1.70	
-do- Accum	256.90	273.40	+ 1.70	
Income & Growth	230.70	245.40	+ 1.20	3.61
-do- Accum	365.60	388.80	+ 2.00	3.61
Intl Growth	444.50	473.70	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	493.80	525.40	+ 0.90	
Japan & Gen	177.20	188.70	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	179.00	190.10	+ 0.70	
Monthly Inc #	195.00	207.40†	+ 0.60	4.38
Managed Port Inc	122.00	128.40	+ 0.50	1.40
-do- Accum	132.40	139.40	+ 0.40	1.40
Quarterly Income #	56.27	60.41†	+ 0.20	4.91
-do- Accum #	64.67	69.43†	+ 0.23	4.91
Recovery	364.40	389.70†	+ 1.80	0.23
-do- Accum	430.18	460.00†	+ 2.00	0.23
UK Growth	65.57	69.75	+ 0.27	1.86
-do- Accum	71.10	75.64	+ 0.30	1.86

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP American	60.88	64.90	+ 0.22	0.32
FP Am Smlr Cos	205.70	219.40		
FP Asian Growth	278.80	297.30†	+ 0.30	
FP Australian	416.20	443.80	+ 9.70	
FP Equity Dist	453.00	483.10	+ 1.90	2.44
-do- Accum	998.50	1065	+ 4.00	2.44
FP Euro Gth	282.90	301.70	+ 1.50	
-do- Accum	309.40	330.00	+ 1.60	
FP Intl Bond	59.06	63.34	+ 0.06	4.27
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.52	41.08	+ 0.12	0.09
-do- Accum	56.23	59.97	+ 0.18	0.09
FP Pac Basin Acc	222.30	237.10	+ 0.20	..
FP Income #	58.71	62.62	+ 0.17	5.04
-do- Accum #	205.10	218.70	+ 0.60	5.04

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	191.40	205.28	+ 0.50	2.07
European Value	95.80	102.09	+ 0.19	1.24
-do- Accum	102.07	109.83	+ 0.21	1.24
Japan Trust	234.90	249.65†	+ 0.78	
Japan Smlr Cos	242.97	258.77	+ 1.01	
Pacific Smlr Cos	247.50	263.68	+ 0.66	
North American	318.54	338.24†	+ 2.65	
American Smaller	174.64	186.51	+ 0.97	

HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income & Growth #	157.50	166.80†	+ 1.90	4.99

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
0181 686 4355

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British	121.90	127.64	+ 0.67	1.93
Capital	203.66	213.76†	+ 1.04	1.23
Dollar	493.12	516.35	+ 3.18	
Enterprise Gth	431.15	451.46	+ 1.10	1.47
European	280.77	293.47†	+ 1.34	0.41
Far East	318.60	333.61	+ 0.48	
Financial	510.27	510.75	+ 5.19	1.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.17	27.21†	+ 0.08	6.72
High Yield	109.78	114.96	+ 0.18	5.25
Income & Growth	161.67	169.28	+ 0.69	3.89
International	298.70	312.78†	+ 1.50	0.17
Japanese General	219.52	229.86	+ 0.72	
Japan Tech	94.21	98.65	+ 0.06	
Nat Resources	87.25	91.36	+ 1.07	0.14
Portfolio	86.73	90.81	+ 0.37	1.04
Special Sits	206.83	216.58	+ 1.43	0.10
UK Emerging Cos	130.83	137.00	+ 0.64	0.75
US Smaller Cos	157.13	164.53	+ 1.35	

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Advisers 0800 181 880 Investors 0800 289 505
Active Funds-UK

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income #	633.00	675.60†	+ 1.70	4.94
Capital	728.30	777.20	+ 5.60	2.32
High Income #	113.80	121.40†	+ 0.40	5.94

Active Funds-International

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	611.10	647.10	+ 2.60	0.35
European Gwth	146.30	156.60	+ 0.70	0.01
Japan Gwth	282.70	301.70	+ 1.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	36.23	38.67	+ 0.15	
Asian	62.87	67.10	+ 0.05	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	85.00	90.72	+ 0.06	
Hong Kong Gwth	139.50	148.98	+ 1.50	1.08
Global Bond	22.63	23.90†	+ 0.09	5.11

Index Funds-UK

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Index	166.20	167.00†	+ 0.80	3.51
Tmoe Index	127.10	130.50†	+ 0.30	2.24
THE FOOTSIE FUND	64.46	64.78	+ 0.36	2.94

Index Funds-International

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Index	282.40	283.80	+ 2.10	0.98

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	109.40	116.40	- 0.10	
Master Trust	67.86	72.20	- 0.24	1.37
-do- Accum	78.36	82.37	+ 0.27	1.37
Millennium Acc	93.57	99.56		2.37
N American Gen	243.70	258.70†	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	281.40	299.40	+ 1.10	
NAm Sm Co Acc	199.90	212.72	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	204.00	217.50	+ 0.20	
Pacific Basin	269.40	296.70†	+ 2.30	0.24
-do- Accum	287.00	305.40	+ 2.70	0.24
Small Coc Inc	519.00	545.40	+ 1.90	1.66
-do- Accum	711.30	748.90	+ 2.70	1.66
UK Eq Gth	164.10	174.60	+ 0.60	2.60
UK Eq Inc	128.50	136.60	+ 0.40	3.97
UK Growth	103.50	110.20	0.60	1.89
-do- Accum	129.80	138.10	- 1.00	1.89
Worldwide Gth	361.30	384.43	+ 1.30	0.41
-do- Accum	534.00	568.10	+ 1.50	0.41

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	87.17	92.32†	+ 0.36	0.40
General	106.90 / 114.69	114.24	- 0.45	2.70
Income	73.66	79.05	+ 0.29	5.20
International	74.84	80.29	- 0.29	0.50
Japan	59.85	64.21†	- 0.02	
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.60	82.16	- 0.25	1.00

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	520.60	549.90†	- 3.00	0.41
-do- Accum	651.60	688.30†	- 3.90	0.41
Amer Recovery	560.90	593.20	+ 2.80	0.37
-do- Accum	647.00	684.30	+ 3.30	0.37
Amer Smlr Cos	164.50	174.00†	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	168.10	177.80†	+ 0.30	
Australasian	203.00	214.70†	+ 3.10	2.59
-do- Accum	256.00	269.70†	+ 4.00	2.59
Capital	975.90	1032.00†	+ 2.90	2.82
-do- Accum	1165.30	1232.30†	+ 3.60	2.82
Charifund	742.70	750.20†	- 2.30	5.99
-do- Accum	3807.00	3840.10†	+ 11.90	5.99
Commodity	470.60	497.70†	+ 0.90	0.41
-do- Accum	696.90	736.00†	- 1.30	0.41
Compound Gth	1097.40	1160.50	+ 6.80	2.91
-do- Accum	1197.20	1265.90	+ 7.30	2.91
Corporate Bond	25.25	25.33	+ 0.05	7.60
Dividend	44.00	46.50	- 0.10	4.70
-do- Accum	194.70	206.20	+ 0.60	4.70
Equity Income	339.30	358.80†	+ 3.70	5.38
-do- Accum	470.50	497.50†	+ 0.90	5.38
Euro & General	632.50	668.70	+ 1.30	0.92
-do- Accum	812.10	858.90	+ 1.70	0.92
Euro Dividend	80.30	84.90†	- 0.30	3.61
-do- Accum	102.20	108.10†	- 0.50	3.61
Extra Yield	462.70	489.30	- 1.85	5.06

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Inc %
Gilt & Fixed	96.42	104.42		5.37
Income	107.20	107.70	+ 0.50	2.57
Japan Growth	52.71	53.89	- 0.06	
Managed	82.83	88.12	- 0.30	1.99
Money Market	94.44	100.10		4.01
North American	109.63	116.30	- 0.10	0.39

Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Inc %
British	119.10	126.70	- 0.70	1.33
European Growth	124.40	131.90	- 0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.90	98.54	- 0.05	5.33
Income	99.36	105.60	- 0.40	2.43
Japan Growth	52.44	55.59	+ 0.06	
Managed	79.13	84.18	- 0.29	1.97
Money Market	87.11	92.34	- 0.05	3.98
North American	99.06	105.30	- 0.10	0.45

Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Inc %
British	118.40	125.00	- 0.80	1.39
European Growth	121.70	129.00	- 0.30	
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.79	88.89	- 0.30	5.56
Income	96.82	102.30	+ 0.40	2.48
Japan Growth	53.67	56.85	+ 0.06	
Managed	81.90	87.02	- 0.29	1.99
Money Market	79.60	84.39	- 0.03	4.12
North American	110.90	117.50		0.35

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Inc %
International (US$)	15.00	15.90		

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Inc %
American Gwth	465.10	494.80†	- 0.70	
European Gth Inc	583.50	624.40	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	583.60	637.20	- 0.90	
Intl Gwth	232.60	246.52	- 1.10	
UK Equity Inc	221.30	236.90	- 1.10	3.82
Do. Accum	296.80	317.50	- 1.40	3.82
UK Ind Trckr Inc	190.50	202.40†	- 0.80	2.49
-do- Accum	225.70	251.60†	- 0.90	2.49
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	275.00	292.10	+ 1.70	0.95
Japan Tracker	75.91	82.95	- 0.51	
Asian Trader	222.20	239.50		0.14
Mngd Ptfolo Inc	189.30	200.80	- 0.60	1.97
Mngd Ptfolo Acc	205.30	219.10	- 0.70	1.97
Deposit Inc	100.07	100.07	- 0.03	5.10
Europe	290.30	312.20†	- 1.30	
Genesis	214.29	221.00	+ 0.70	2.41
High Income	21.05	22.33†	- 0.04	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
0345 090 933

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Inc %
Acumen	109.62	117.30	- 0.29	2.20
Acumen Inc	57.64	102.30	- 0.20	2.20
Acumen Reserve	94.31	95.25†	- 0.42	7.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	144.40	153.60	+ 0.50	1.42
-do- Accum	160.00	170.20	+ 0.50	1.42
Technology	693.90	738.20	- 2.70	
UK Elite Cap	87.67	93.26†	+ 0.75	2.92
-do- Accum	102.70	109.20	+ 0.40	2.92

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0161 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4460

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	46.23	47.91	+ 0.19	1.61
Cash Haven Inc	100.92	101.42†	+ 0.03	4.80
Cash Haven Acc	118.31	118.89	- 0.03	4.80
Dist Trust Inc	105.42	109.32†	+ 0.28	5.99
Dist Trust Acc	118.99	123.20	+ 0.32	5.99
Global Growth	106.48	113.28†	- 0.56	1.73
Equity Inc	89.35	94.95†	+ 0.10	4.84
Equity	880.28	938.47	+ 3.70	2.51
European	271.69	281.54	+ 1.42	0.82
High Income	92.53	98.44†	- 0.12	5.31
Intl Gth	275.25	229.63†	+ 1.42	1.15
Intl Sm Co	98.99	105.31	- 0.44	0.45
Japanese	225.02	233.18	+ 0.85	
Nth Amer	239.00	247.57†	- 1.52	1.37
Pacific Mkts	116.66	120.89†	- 0.76	0.69
Premier Inc	48.35	50.33†	+ 0.05	6.74
Sm Cos	111.83	118.97	+ 0.56	1.79
Spec Sits	126.63	134.71†	+ 0.47	2.94
UK Growth	146.73	156.10†	+ 0.64	2.48

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Hi Inc Inv Inc	83.43	87.73	+ 0.32	3.82
Investment Trust	115.14	121.07	+ 0.69	
UK Smaller Cos	109.26	114.89†	+ 0.10	1.21

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British Life	339.70	369.30	+ 1.00	3.47

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
America (Inc)	672.51	714.05	+ 5.41	0.16
America (Acc)	788.12	836.80	+ 6.34	0.16
Amer Smlr Cos	59.06	63.17	+ 0.18	
Asia	55.07	58.97	- 0.02	
European	420.04	444.99	+ 1.66	0.58
Japan	242.26	257.75	- 0.01	
Jap Smlr Cos	44.63	47.63	- 0.09	
Major UK Cos	116.95	124.69†	+ 0.41	2.07
Smlr UK Cos	401.02	436.35	+ 1.02	1.09
UK Equity Inc	185.62	198.33	+ 1.03	3.61

Five Arrows Portfolio Fund

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Asia Pacific	51.74	54.00	+ 0.05	
Cash	48.23	50.23		3.15
Emerging Mkts	49.21	51.39	+ 0.06	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	234.90	249.50	+ 1.00	0.37
Wheale Venture Inc	96.00	102.20	+ 0.40	0.48

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
0131 668 3724

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	448.80	477.80	+ 3.50	2.34
-do- Accum	679.40	724.60	+ 5.40	2.34
UK High Inc	212.90	227.10	+ 1.70	2.69
-do- Accum	324.60	346.20	+ 2.60	2.69
Europe Inc	474.70	506.30	+ 1.50	0.70
Nth Amer Inc	321.00	342.40	- 0.40	
Global Inc	265.70	283.40	+ 0.60	0.21
Global Acc	286.20	305.30	+ 0.60	0.21
UK Spec Sits Inc	129.50	138.10	+ 0.80	1.65
South East Asia	237.40	253.10	+ 0.60	0.42
Cash Trust Inc	100.90	100.90	+ 0.10	5.05
UK Smlr Cos Inc	124.80	133.10	+ 0.50	1.60
-do- Accum	131.20	139.90	+ 0.50	1.60
Intl Bond Inc	95.65	101.50	+ 0.30	5.18

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	161.40	169.90†	+ 0.70	0.92
Nth American	139.00	146.30†	+ 0.20	
Intl Bond & Conv	129.10	135.90	+ 0.50	6.54
Pooled Pension (S)	232.50	250.00†		1.91
Smaller Cos	116.70	122.80	+ 0.30	0.81
UK General #	162.30	171.30	+ 0.80	2.11
Far Eastern	100.20	105.50	+ 0.30	

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth Fund ‡	125.73		+ 0.82	
Asia ‡	71.04		+ 0.68	
European ‡	167.48		+ 1.02	..
Global Bond ‡	92.64		+ 0.17	8.10
Investment Trust ‡	116.17		+ 0.48	0.97
Preferred Income ‡	108.33		+ 0.06	4.83
Samurai ‡	60.45		- 0.36	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.62		+ 0.03	4.70
UK Growth ‡	111.41		+ 0.41	2.30
Tai Pan ‡	105.04		- 0.19	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	113.34		+ 0.06	2.36
UK Equity Inc ‡	111.66		- 0.05	4.80
Glob Gwth PEP	77.98	82.95	+ 0.29	1.18
Pref Inc PEP #	101.70	108.10†	- 0.10	5.54
Inv Trust PEP	57.97	61.66	+ 0.25	

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
0171 637 5377

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	456.70	483.20	- 3.20	
Capital	144.80	154.80†	+ 0.80	1.14
Cash	101.79	101.79	+ 0.01	5.27
European	161.90	171.30	- 0.10	0.79

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sher Gwth	162.80	171.80	+ 1.80	0.76

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD
0171 581 3020

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
World Health	195.80	208.20	- 0.20	
Income #	213.19	226.80†	+ 1.03	4.26
UK Growth	84.27	89.65†	+ 0.37	1.91
Intl Growth	91.03	95.83†	+ 0.31	0.44
Ecology	102.21	108.72	+ 0.23	0.99
European	198.80	211.49†	+ 0.47	
Far Eastern	313.70	333.70	+ 0.80	
UK Special Sits	49.63	52.93	+ 0.37	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	622.80	662.34	+ 2.64	2.65

NW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Fd #	1473.60	1496.00		2.90
Income #	1024.90	1040.50†		4.00

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	163.50	167.50†		3.62

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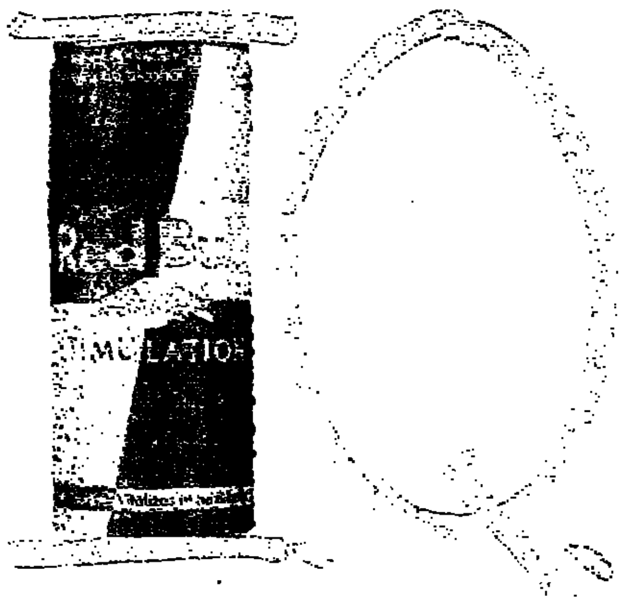

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Income Trusts

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Bond Income	100.90	104.30	+ 0.40	7.28
Gilt Yield	119.20	125.70	- 0.10	6.54
Global Income	232.90	247.80†	+ 1.60	3.60
High Yield	154.10	163.90†	+ 0.30	5.47
-do- Accum	501.80	533.60†	+ 1.20	5.47
Smlr Cos Div	61.59	65.52†	+ 0.28	3.37

Capital Growth Trusts

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smlr Cos	156.60	165.50	+ 2.10	
Acum Growth	333.90	356.20	+ 0.80	0.23
-do- Accum	392.30	417.30	+ 0.90	0.23
North American	108.20	115.10	+ 0.64	0.33

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Ptflo	177.40	182.80†	+ 0.70	2.55
-do- Accum	210.50	217.00†	+ 0.70	2.55
UK Sel Ptflo	156.20	161.00	+ 0.70	2.63
-do- Accum	188.30	194.10	+ 0.90	2.63
UK 100 Cos	115.90	115.90	+ 0.60	2.88

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	73.99	78.72		3.72

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	82.14	87.20	+ 0.37	3.64

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	30.50	32.10	+ 0.13	
Pacific Basin	44.24	46.67	- 0.21	
Global Bond (US$)	0.8975	0.9348	+ 0.0043	...
Penny Share	46.31	48.74	- 0.11	

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 623 2444

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Challenger	95.60	98.59	+ 0.25	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	124.10	125.70	+ 0.10	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7784	0.7896	+ 0.02	
Gilt Income	52.01	54.12†	+ 0.04	6.00
Gilt Growth	77.11	80.25	+ 0.06	.
Sterling Bond	48.94	50.74	+ 0.03	6.60

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0181 298 4000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Mgd	55.97	59.43	+ 0.23	1.97
UK Stockmarket	101.70	108.20	+ 0.10	2.17
Corporate Bond	49.19	49.34	+ 0.02	7.43

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

BRIEFINGS

A free guide to credit management for developing businesses has been produced by Cimco, which provides credit insurance for small businesses. Cimco found that many small companies were risking late payment or non-payment of bills because they found the administration involved in taking out credit insurance too great a burden. Copies from 01923 478105.

☐ A one-day workshop on media relations is to be run at Teignbridge Business Centre, Newton Abbot, on October 1 by Churchill Associates and Business Link South Devon. The cost is £50, plus VAT. Details from Sandra Churchill on 01626 852030.

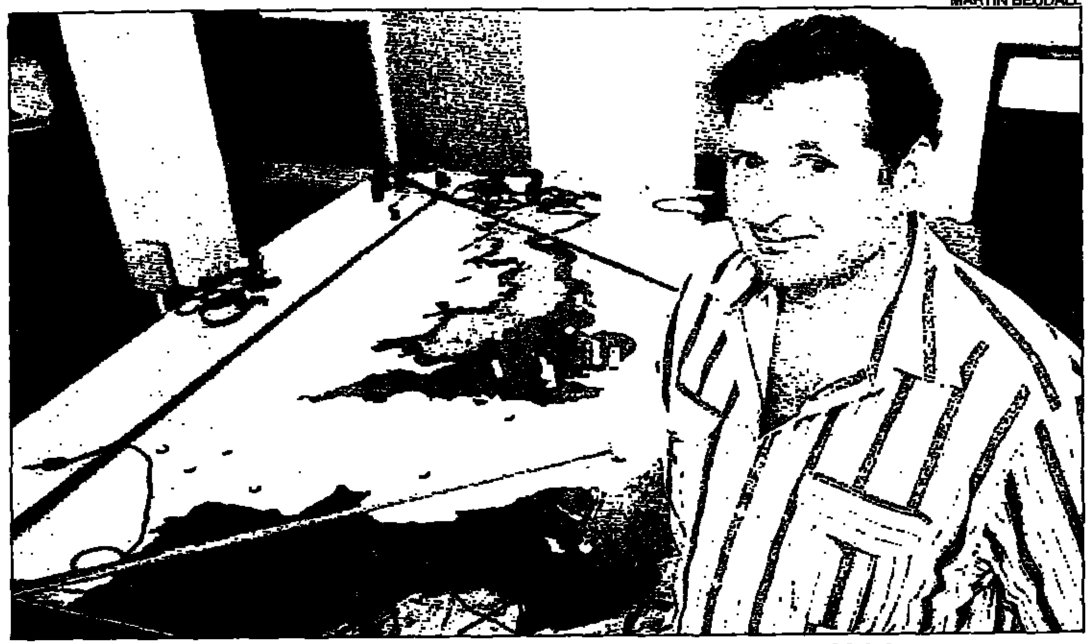
☐ Business Link Hereford and Worcester has teamed up with NCM Credit Insurance to offer credit cover for small businesses. Information from Eric Brown on 01905 611611.

☐ The question of why some family businesses are successful, such as Sainsbury's, while others never progress beyond Steptoe and Son will be posed at an Institute of Directors conference at the IoD's London headquarters on September 19. The conference, Living with the Family Business, costs £255 for members or £306 for non-members, plus VAT. Details on 0171-730 0022.

☐ One-day courses for people considering setting up franchises are to be held by the London Enterprise Agency. The first course in the programme is on September 27. Details: 0171-236 3000.

Going underground

Mark Andrews on the farmer who unearthed a new career



MARTIN BEDDALL

Michael Parrish in the military command room at the Cold War bunker which is now a museum

A carpet of bluebells provides an innocent cover. A well-trodden footpath, snaking through an overgrown Essex wood on the A128, leads to a brick cottage.

Despite the tranquillity, this is bunkerland. Beneath this 25-acre patch rests a legacy of the Cold War. Buried 100ft underground is a three-storey building.

It is one of a network of underground nuclear bombproof shelters that would have housed the Government in the event of a nuclear attack. The one at Kelvedon Hatch was put up for auction by the Government a year ago. A sealed bid — believed to be around £100,000 — by Michael Parrish, a local farmer, won the day.

Mr Parrish, 48, has turned it into a museum. "We're still in our first year, and, although it's a bit early to say how successful we're going to be, early indications are that people are fascinated.

"Building this place cost millions, and I think people — taxpayers — want to see what they got for their money. And also take a peep behind the Cold War curtain, to see how the Government would run the country after a nuclear holocaust."

There was plenty of competition for the bunker and its 25 acres. "A Cold War castle doesn't come on the market every day of the week," says Mr Parrish. "They were built in the early 1950s and equipped to the highest standards. I bought everything. A ready-made Cold War museum. Most people when they come in just cannot believe the size of the bunker."

He takes groups round on the hour every hour, giving a running commentary that takes in a telephone exchange, a BBC studio, a communications centre that is now part of the Internet, a canteen, the Prime Minister's room, complete with bed, and a reclining wax figure of John Major. But the highlight is the small sickbay which includes a field hospital operating theatre, a morgue, with body bags hanging on the wall, and cardboard coffins.

"Everything is original — except the John Major figure," Mr Parrish says. "It is exactly as the Government left it. The museum has a message — it tells us how lucky we were that an atomic war never took place." He adds: "Until now my life has centred on being a farmer. This is a dramatic switch — talking and interacting with the public. My grandfather sold this land to the Government more than 40 years ago for £2,500 for the bunker to be built. It's nice to have it back."

The bunker is at Kelvedon Hatch on the A128 out of Brentwood. Entry is £5 for adults, £3 for children (aged 5-16), £12 family ticket. Tel: 01277 364883.

Take a positive view on stiffer health rules

By Brian Collett

IGNORING the stronger health and safety regulations, however tempting this may be to small businesses, could be a dangerous false economy. The warning comes with a new guide written by a leading health and safety expert.

Breaches of the law — under which every employer must appoint a health and safety manager — carry a maximum £20,000 fine.

Yet Jeremy Stranks, who compiled the guide for RRC Business Training, of Wimbledon, south-west London, said some companies ask themselves: "Should we pay £20,000 to train and employ a health and safety manager, or should we live with the possibility of a £20,000 fine if we get caught breaking the law?" Many small businesses even feel they cannot afford the training.

The maximum fine, of course, is unlikely, and the chances of breaches being discovered are remote because the Health and Safety Executive, which enforces the laws, is short of resources.

There are, however, less obvious costs after an accident resulting from an inadequate health and safety policy, said RRC. The employee has to be paid while on sick leave, temporary staff may have to be recruited, equipment may be damaged in the accident, and insurance premiums may be raised.

The employee may then demand compensation and could pursue the claim in court. The publicity could be damaging. The Health and Safety Executive has calculated that workplace accidents and work-related illnesses cost employers between £4 billion and £9 billion annually.

RRC, however, maintains that a health and safety policy to cut the risks need not be too costly.

In a small business, an employee could add the health and safety job to existing duties. Alternatively, a consultant could assume the role for a modest fee. One bonus might be lower insurance premiums if a sound policy is demonstrated.

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Heavy metal puts on a festive face at Donington, with an overblown appearance by the reconstituted Kiss

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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on Richard Wilson's 'demolition' of the Serpentine Gallery

Parts greater than the holes

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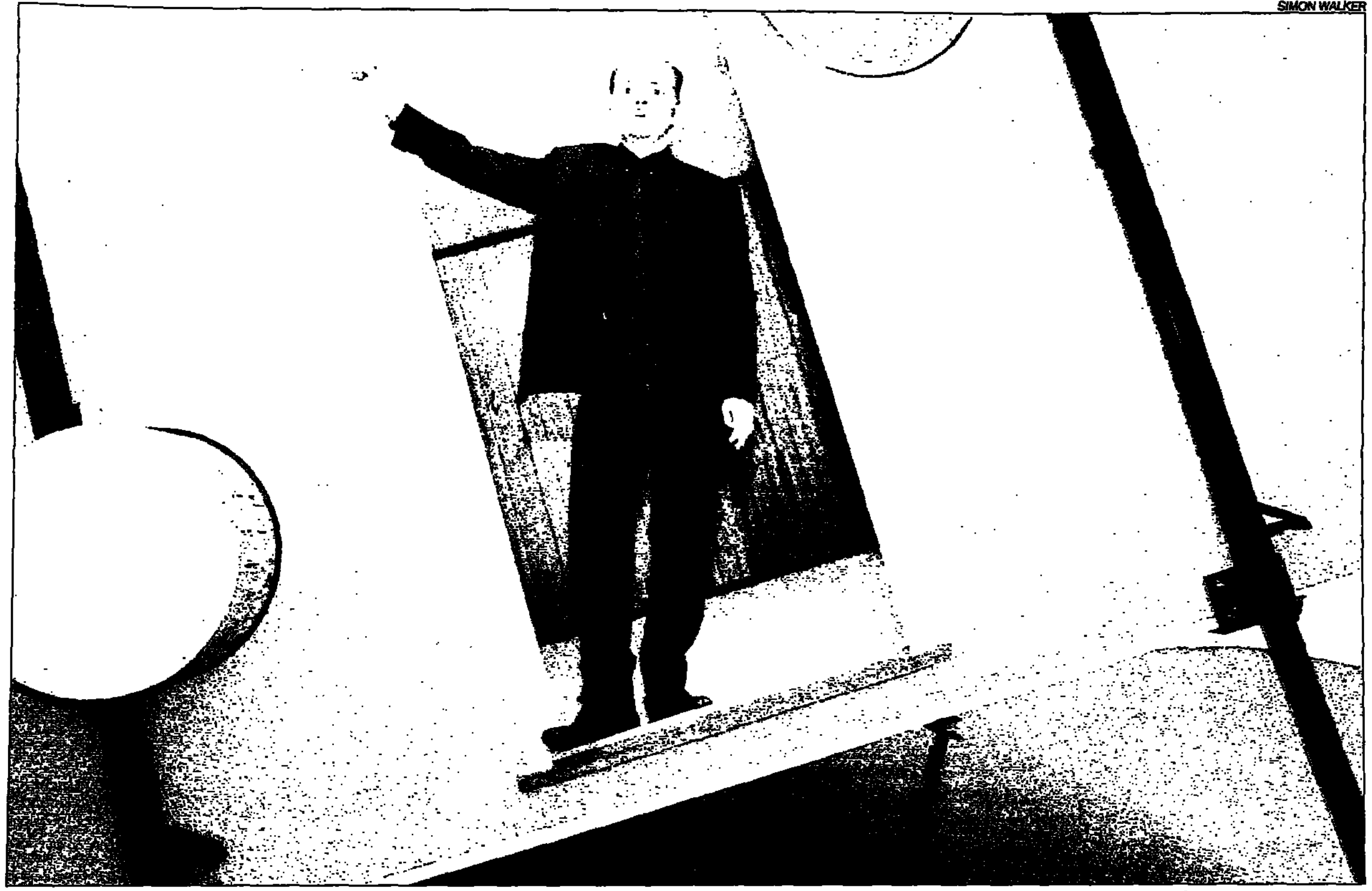

An agent of uncanny disruption: the sculptor Richard Wilson stands in his tipsily tilted builders' cabin, accentuating the general expectation of impending collapse

Within a few weeks, the parkland tranquillity of the Serpentine Gallery will give way to mayhem. Funded by a £3 million lottery grant from the Arts Council, along with a further £1 million raised by its own enterprising campaign, an ambitious renovation scheme aims to expand and enhance the building while honouring its essential character. When it reopens in September 1997, the Serpentine will at last be equipped with facilities worthy of an outstanding gallery now enjoying its liveliest phase.

Turning a much-loved institution into a muddy building site is bound to upset its regular visitors. But Richard Wilson, staging the last show in the present gallery, helps to prepare us for the imminent upheavals. Nothing on view here is as breathtaking as his masterpiece *20:50*, that oceanic expanse of sump oil flooding its space at the Saatchi Gallery with an ominous, eerily reflective blackness. Nor is there anything as hallucinatory as *She Came In Through The Bathroom Window*, where Wilson removed an entire wall-wide expanse of windows from Matt's Gallery and suspended it, at a disorientating angle, within the space. All the same, he reinforces his reputation as an agent of uncanny disruption before we enter the Serpentine.

The normally inviolate windows overlooking the front lawn have been punctured, at their centre, by the corner of a builder's cabin lodged inside the gallery. This jutting triangle forces its way out between the classical columns, directly beneath a lintel where the Serpentine's name is decorously announced in elegant gilt letters. The intrusion heralds the collisions to come within the gallery, as well as signalling Wilson's healthy refusal to let his adventurous imagination be limited by rigid. architectural constraints.

Over the past decade, as an ingenious mini-retrospective of his drawings and models at Gimpel Fils reveals, Wilson has thrived on confounding the expectations we bring to particular spaces. He wants to shake us free from a lazy acceptance of the gallery's seemingly unshakeable authority. At Gimpel Fils, the impeccable white purity of a 1970s interior has been disrupted by a diagonally positioned 25-metre-long wall where Wilson's exhibits are lodged in irregular niches. And at the Serpentine, a Grade II listed former tearoom occupying a fiercely protected landscape in Kensington Gardens, he has staged a heretical series of spatial invasions.

Although the show is called *Jamming Gears*, a title borrowed from the lyrics of a rock song Wilson plays on one of his truck-driving tapes, it begins cautiously. We enter the largest room first, where he has paradoxically restricted himself to a single modest intervention. The space is deserted, and the only sign of his presence is a neat circular hole cut out of the floor. Although earth lies exposed and unruly at the bottom, flouting the smoothness of the floor-covering elsewhere, the hole does not disturb the gallery's placidity.

But it serves as a portent of the destruction in the room beyond. Here, an epidemic of holes spreads across the available surfaces. One is gouged out of the junction between floor and wall, while another punches its path right through the wall to disclose its surprising hollowness. A further hole, drilled higher up on a different wall, provides us with a voyeur-like view of the tiled ladies' lavatory next door. But the most disconcerting hole is found in the ceiling, where Wilson has bored through to the sky and left the aperture open. With typical chutzpah, the Serpentine director, Julia Peyton-Jones, has allowed Wilson to leave her building vulnerable to a sudden downpour.

So we become increasingly aware of the Serpentine as an institution whose apparent immutability can be undermined with ease. In the middle of the room, a far greater disorder is caused by the tilted cabin dumped there without explanation. Circular lumps of matter from the nearby holes have attached themselves to its walls, disfiguring the otherwise pristine paintwork. Coloured a bilious lime-green, this anonymous shed could hardly be further removed from the conventional notion of a sculpture. It is a boorish intrusion, and the tipsy angle of its steeply inclined floor only accentuates the general expectation of impending collapse.

Wilson's appetite for subversiveness extends beyond the exhibition spaces. In the bookshop next door, soon to be enlarged in the renovation scheme, another hole has been sliced out of the main shelf. Showing an equal lack of respect for critics, historians and philosophers, it carves through volumes by Fry, Gombrich, Gramsci and Hegel. The missing chunk has mysteriously ended up protruding from the tilted cabin's wall like a builder's trophy plucked at random from wholesale devastation.

Similar sheds will doubtless be erected outside the Serpentine next month, when the real work of alteration begins. By bringing them inside, Wilson invites us to realise that the gallery will soon find itself completely overtaken by forces from another world. At the same time, though, he is mischievous enough to suggest that the heavyweight strength of the construction industry can suffer from unforeseen calamities. In the next gallery, a large proportion of the floor has been cut away, enabling his hired machinery to dig down to a considerable depth. If it had been left empty, the excavated area would have looked shockingly raw. But Wilson fills this new pit with another lime-green cabin.

> ❛ Wilson's installation mirrors the sense of risk in the renovation ❜

Here, however, we seem to witness a bizarre funeral. Hanging upside-down from chains held by a tomato-red fork-lift truck, the cabin looks as if it is being lowered into a grave. Or maybe a macabre resurrection is in progress, whereby the builder's shed emerges from its subterranean lair to take over the gallery. Either way, Wilson has produced a thoughtful and suitably ambiguous image of the changes soon to transform the Serpentine as a whole. The cabin's open door tempts us to jump down into the half-buried room, like rescuers helping passengers stranded in a broken lift.

Nobody will know, until the renovation is finished, quite how successful it has been. In that respect, Wilson's installation mirrors the uncertainty and sense of risk accompanying any such venture. In the final room, we come full circle by encountering the cabin whose prow crashes through the gallery's façade. From the outside it had looked ominous, promising further violence. Inside, however, an air of stillness prevails. Held above the floor by iron girders, the cabin seems to be floating in the otherwise empty space. A circular lump of masonry has, apparently, hurtled like a missile from another room and embedded itself in a wall. It fails to shatter the overall feeling of calm, though.

All the same, the mood in this room is tinged with a potent sense of expectancy. It seems, in the end, to pose a question. Will the Serpentine of the future break through its boundaries and engage with the world outside, or will it retreat inwards, like the window now suspended so strangely near the centre of the room? Only the gallery's staff can provide an answer. Their determination to give the Serpentine a vigorous continuing identity will be demonstrated, throughout the next 12 months, by a series of major sculptural commissions on the lawn. But the true test comes later, and Wilson's coolly unsettling installation shows how alive he is to the challenges posed by the convulsions ahead.

- Jamming Gears *is at the Serpentine Gallery (0171-723 9072) until September 15;* Formative Processes *is at Gimpel Fils (0171-493 2488) until September 14*

A Kiss for the dying

An ailing staple of the heavy metal calendar, this year's Donington festival was sealed with a Kiss. The legendary New York glam rockers who sold nearly 80 million albums in the late 1970s have reformed their original line-up, reapplied the trademark face paint and revamped their flagging careers overnight.

Indeed, nostalgia ruled at this 50,000-strong gathering in the traditional heavy rock stronghold of the Midlands. Although there were some concessions to recent evolutions in the genre, such as brooding Brazilian thrash metal luminaries **Sepultura** and the rap-inflected American newcomers **Dog Eat Dog**, conservatism was the keynote. The older generation definitely called the shots.

Hence the prominent billing for **Ozzy Osbourne**, still slogging away nearly three decades after his heyday fronting local heroes Black Sabbath. Having overcome drink and drug problems, the singer looks his leanest and healthiest in years, no doubt bolstered by his youthfully energetic new backing band. With a set mostly consisting of old-fashioned but solidly melodic pop-rock ballads, Ozzy wisely stuck within his limitations and was warmly received.

Kiss actually performed two shows at Donington. The matinee was their comically overblown backstage press conference, a suitably operatic affair complete with smoke machines and full make-up. Arriving by helicopter and garbed in camp stage costumes straight out of a 1950s space film, these consummate showbiz professionals talked up their imminent set as if it were some kind of second coming. Consequently, anticipation was running high for the first Kiss show on British soil for nearly 20 years.

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But, when it came, it was a severe anti-climax. Despite a thrillingly dramatic build-up involving a swooping helicopter and gigantic inflatable replicas of the band, Kiss were soon struggling to match their bark with musical bite. Singer Paul Stanley worked the crowd with lewd, hammy banter. Bass player Gene Simmons spewed blood, belched fire, displayed his notoriously long tongue and soared skywards on highly visible wires. Lead guitarist Ace Frehley launched rockets from his instrument during a 20-minute solo.

But none of these cheesy pantomime stunts compensated for their lumpen, turgid, woefully tuneless songs. Even on their own terms, as pure mindless entertainment, Kiss failed resoundingly.

Ultimately, this year's Donington was another nail in the coffin, if not of heavy metal itself, then certainly of festivals dedicated to the genre in its pure form. This durable music has been pronounced dead many times, only to reinvent itself in exciting new forms. But this very versatility has probably been the undoing of events like this, as successful innovators in the field move on either to host their own mammoth shows or play at more generally accessible festivals.

Both Metallica and Rage Against the Machine have rescued past Donington gatherings from the doldrums, but this year both are testing their pulling power elsewhere. For all their history, Kiss simply lacked equivalent clout.

Despite rose-tinted endorsements from a new generation of grunge bands such as Smashing Pumpkins and Pearl Jam, Kiss remain bombastic relics of heavy rock's dark ages, as satirised in the film *This Is Spinal Tap*.

The music will doubtless revitalise itself again, but perhaps not in time to save Donington.

STEPHEN DALTON

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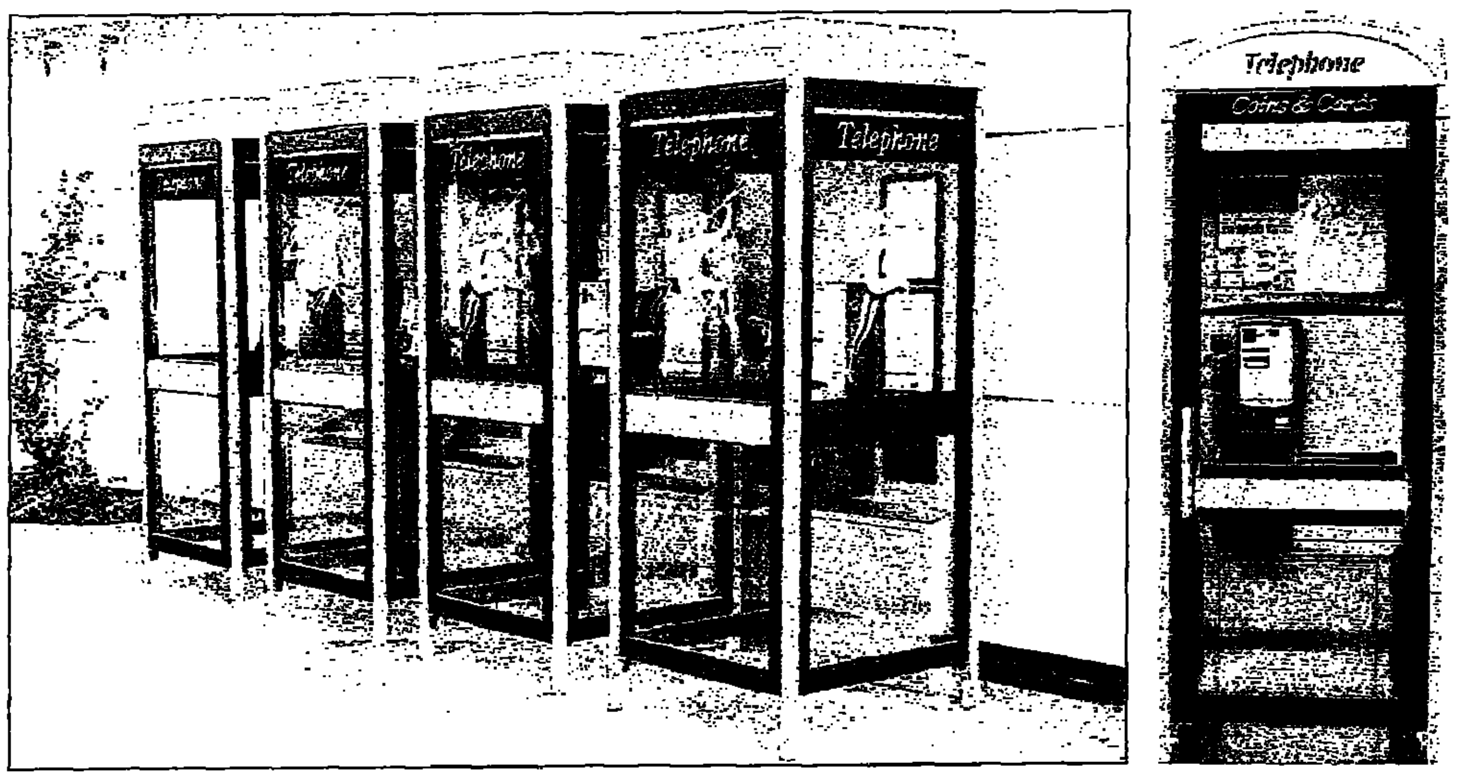

BT's kiosks for Legoland near Windsor (left): much more pleasing than the "kitsch" new model (right) being introduced elsewhere?

At last it's official. Red is a good colour for telephone boxes after all. British Telecom has done a 180° turn from its 1985 decision to scrap every red telephone box in the land and replace them with the patent glass version of a shower cabinet.

Not only are 15,000 of the classic red K2s and K6s to remain — those with the distinctive handkerchief domes designed by the architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. Now BT is launching a new red domed successor, the KX. But the company is in trouble again, with no less august a figure than Lord St John of Fawsley, the chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission. He describes the new version as "illiterate" and "visually incoherent", and in a letter to *The Times* last Tuesday he attacked BT "for its lack of concern for the public realm".

The wrath of the RFAC is the fiercer as the commission feels that it played a key role in the early designs. It encouraged the General Post Office (as it was then) to hold a competition, and it helped to choose the winner. It also encouraged the choice of pillar-box red for the new kiosks.

Lord St John is right. BT's latest version would earn pride of place in any museum of kitsch. It is not a new design, but rather a new, clipped-on plastic top. BT claims that its users wanted a softer, rounder look. But it has ended up with an ice-cream topping: an anaemic white vanilla with a strawberry coating that is the colour of hot lipstick. Scott's solid red kiosks had an almost matt surface. BT's plastic tops are as shiny as a bald pate on a sweltering summer day.

Part of the subtlety of the classic K2 and K6 lies in the carefully judged mouldings which tend to emphasise the solidity of the kiosks. By contrast, the new version is as insubstantial as an illuminated shop fascia. BT will not have this. "The dome is made of GRP [Glass Reinforced Plastic] and is strong enough for people to jump on," says a spokesman, conjuring up a bizarre picture.

The biggest irony is that BT has produced — unknown almost to anyone, BT included — a very passable, not to say smart, new red telephone kiosk. This is to be found, of all unexpected places, in the new Legoland Park outside Windsor.

For Lego, BT has put an end to the mish-mash of colours on its standard boxes. It bids goodbye not only to the stainless steel, but also the virulent mauve and green used to distinguish card-phones from coin-phones. The only colours here are red and black, which always make a smart combination. The slender square columns are red from top to bottom with a matching red stripe across the door.

Dignity comes from the substantial stepped top, entirely in red. Intriguingly, it is set back in just the same proportions as you might arrive at if you built a model of the box in Lego bricks. Very environmentally sensitive, then.

But in fact the new Lego box could stand handsomely in many city centres. Like the K6, it has something of the sentry box and would look well arranged in pairs, squares and rows. At Legoland, they stand in a disciplined line of four. True, they may not have the long life of Scott's passed-down kiosks, but then it is unlikely that any telephone company will manufacture kiosks today that weigh in at more than a ton, as the K2 did.

Last week BT faced an assault in the courts from New World payphones, which had originally designed its own brand new red kiosk. Strange to say, New World's research coincides with BT's: red is a good colour for telephone boxes. New World currently has 5,000 payphones in public places but these are indoors. Now it wants to take the battle to the street.

Alas for New World: since Mercury introduced its distinctive blue and grey phone booths, the inner London boroughs have taken powers allowing them to demand traditional red boxes in sensitive locations such as the royal processional route, Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square.

So New World dutifully went off in search of traditional K6s not yet sold off to America and Japan. "We have claims on 62," says Mark Chitty. To placate BT, New World offered to paint them green, but BT took the company to court and the introduction of the new boxes is on hold at least until October.

The question today is whether we really need to restrict new phone boxes to a single design. By all means let us have a public competition. But let us have variety too.

In the Lake District, the Scott kiosks were painted silver with only the glazing bars picked out in red (his original choice). In Hull, which has an independent telephone company, they were white. In the Republic of Ireland, they were green. Beside the Tower of London they are black to this day.

Gavin Stamp, in his excellent book on telephone boxes, shows versions in Gothic style and even kiosks built of stone. We tolerate London taxis and buses in different liveries. Why not telephone boxes? Competitions are one thing, but individual owners like Lego should be allowed to commission their own versions. There has to be scope for experiment in old locations as well as new.

■ CHOICE 1

Barbara Bonney sings with the Oslo Philharmonic at Edinburgh

VENUE: Tonight at the Usher Hall

■ CHOICE 2

. . . while Mikhail Baryshnikov opens with his company in London

VENUE: From tonight at the Coliseum

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■ CHOICE 3

. . . and Alan Ayckbourn's *It Could Be Any One of Us* goes on stage

VENUE: From tonight in Scarborough

■ THEATRE

Do actors still speak Shakespeare properly? RSC voice coach Cicely Berry adds to the debate

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

EDINBURGH

The first of today's events at the International Festival is an all-Ravel recital by the pianist **Paul Crossley** in the Queen's Hall (11am). At 8pm, in a change to the advertised programme, *Manfred Honeck will replace Mariss Jansons as this evening's conductor at the Usher Hall; the American soprano* Barbara Bonney joins the **Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra** in a rich programme, featuring Rossini's overture to *Italian Girl in Algiers*, songs by Grieg and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. It is also the last day for performances of Gluck's masterpiece **Orfeo ed Euridice** (Edinburgh Festival Theatre, 7.15pm), *and Renyo, the* Butoh dance piece by **Tomoe Shizune and Hakutobo** *(King's, 7.30pm)*. **Festival box office** (0131-225 5756).

Fringe highlights include a dance-theatre performance from the award-winning **Compagnie Yvette Bozsik**, in *the Scottish premiere of a mesmerising* double-bill, *Two Portraits* and *Miraculous Mandarin (Dundee Rep, 7.45pm; then tomorrow-Sat)*. At the Music Box (6pm; to Aug 30), ***Jim Salestrom***, who has worked with John Denver and Dolly Parton, sings Country, while, at 7.15pm (James Gillespie's High School; to Sat), Warwickshire-based *Union Theatre presents* Shakespeare's bawdy comedy **The Two Gentlemen of Verona**.

Three productions begin today at the Traverse — times vary at subsequent performances: **Here Lies Henry** is a one-man satirical seminar on life at the end of the millennium, performed by *Daniel Macivor (11am, to Aug 31), at* 11.45am, it is the British premiere of Godfrey Hamilton's play **Viper's Opium**, about innocents at large in Los Angeles (to Aug 31); finally, the Glasgow-based Lookout Theatre Company (Scotland) presents **Entertaining Angels**, a drama about faith, family and destiny (2.15pm, to Aug 31), directed by Nicola McCartney. ***Fringe box office*** *(inquiries 0131-226 5257, tickets 0131-226 5138)*.

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: Fresh from *performing two sell-out concerts at the* Edinburgh International Festival, Proms' *regular Kurt Masur returns to conduct the* **New York Philharmonic Orchestra**, of which he is now Music Director. The London premiere of Ned Corem's lyrical Cor Anglais Concerto (soloist Thomas Stacy) is sandwiched between Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* and Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 *(0171-589 8212) Tonight, 7.30pm.*

WHITE OAK DANCE PROJECT: Mikhail Baryshnikov returns to London with the company he co-founded with Mark Morris in 1989. This elite touring group of 11 dancers and five musicians will give five performances only of a completely new programme, featuring two solos for Baryshnikov himself. **London Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane *(0171-632 8300) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.*

ELSEWHERE

SCARBOROUGH: A new version of Ayckbourn's 1983 spoof whodunnit **It Could Be Any One of Us**, directed by the author. Juliet Mills plays a suspect and Jon Strickland the detective. **Stephen Joseph**, Valley Bridge Parade (01723 370 541). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat (Sep 7), 3pm. Until Sep 14. 🅂

WORTHING: *Channel Theatre* Company presents scandal, murder and intrigue in **Revenge**. A gripping cat-and-mouse game develops between a politician (Rupert Bass) and an investigative journalist (Caroline Mimoe). The director is Philip Dart. **Connaught**, Union Place (01903 235333). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm; *mats Wed, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm. Until* August 24. Next in **Hornchurch**, *Queen's (01708 443333), Aug 27-31.*

LONDON GALLERIES

Australia House: *Will Dyson*: caricatures, cartoons, drawings, satirical prints (0171-887 5223) .. **National Gallery**: Degas (0171-747 2885) .. **National Portrait Gallery**: Assembling the Family (0171-306 0055) .. **Tate**: New Displays (0171-887 8000) .. **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500) **Whitechapel**: Open (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ ***House full, returns only***
◩ ***Some seats available***
☐ ***Seats at all prices***

☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS**: Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale. With Hannah Gordon and Daniel J. Travanti. ***Wyndhams***, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm; *Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.*

☐ **THE FANTASTICKS**: New York's long-running equivalent to *The Mousetrap*. *Pretty but vacuous account* of young love. Some songs. ***King's Head****, 115 Upper Street, N1* (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm.

☐ ***FERRY 'CROSS THE MERSEY***: Gerry and the Pacemakers, singing the story of, yes, Gerry and the Pacemakers, who had their first No 1 hit one month before the Beatles. **Lyric**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; *mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm. Until Sept 7.*

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross *as the all-knowing Inspector, and* Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the *pillars of society*. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 *(0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat,* 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **JULIUS CAESAR**: Christopher Benjamin plays the colossus, with John Nettles and Julian Glover (Brutus and Cassius) snapping at his heels in Peter Hall's production from last year's Stratford season. ***Barbican****, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638* 8891). Tonight, 7pm; mat, 2pm. In rep.

☐ **LOVE IN A WOOD**: London Classic *Theatre Co provide the annual* Restoration comedy at this venue: Wycherley's *first success. Intrigue*, matchmaking, characters called Addlepot and Dapperwit, unperformed in London for 300 years. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sun, 4.30pm. Until Sep 8.

☐ **PASSION**: An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Maria Friedman good as a voracious man-*hunter who gets her man.* With Michael Ball and Helen Hobson. ***Queen's****, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1* (0171-494 5590). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ ***THE RED BALLOON***: *Inevitably the* affectionate balloon was more convincing *in the classic 1950s French* film but Anthony Clark's stage version is skilful and touching. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). In rep, with performances at 10.30am or 2.15pm.

☐ **A SMALL WORLD**: Interesting Mustapha Matura play uncovering the secrets behind the meeting of two Trinidadians in a Brooklyn bar. ***Southwark Playhouse****, 52 Southwark* Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Tue-Sat, 8pm. Until Aug 24.

☐ ***3Ms BEHAVING***: The three singers from *Ain't Misbehavin'* — Debby Bishop, Dawn Hope, Melanie E. Marshall — in a programme of fave jazz and blues. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Aug 24.

☐ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging *of the traumatised child's apotheosis to* pinball wizard. Loads of electronic *tricks disguise the improbability.* **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). *Mon-Sat, 8pm;* mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 🅂

☐ **VOYEURZ**: Loud, titillating and vacuous rock show, mostly about lesbians in New York. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Thurs, 8.45pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) .. ☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) .. ☐ **Fame: The Musical**: *Cambridge (0171-494 5083)* .. ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ☐ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) .. ☐ **Oliver!**, Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ ***The Phantom of the Opera***: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune *(0171-836 2238)*

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE CROSSING GUARD (15): Grieving father (Jack Nicholson) plots revenge for his daughter's death. *Portentous drama from writer-director* Sean Penn. ***Curzon West End*** *(0171-369 1722)* **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

HUNGER ARTIST: Bernard Rudden's remarkable and intense 45-minute film, inspired by Kafka, plus two other British shorts. **ICA Cinema** (0171-930 3647)

LAST DANCE (18): Sharon Stone sits on Death Row; rookie lawyer Rob Morrow wants to save her. Earnest but perfunctory drama from director Bruce Beresford. **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426-915 353) ***Kensington*** *(01426 914666)* **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Virgin Chelsea** *(0171-352 5096)*

NICK OF TIME: Christopher Walken forces Johnny Depp to kill the Governor *of California. Passable time waster,* directed by John Badham. ***NFT*** *(0171-928 3232)*

CURRENT

◆ **FLIPPER** (PG): *A surly teenager* unbonds with a dolphin. Unimaginative *family film, with Elijah Wood and Paul* Hogan. Director, Alan Shapiro. ***Odeon Swiss Cottage*** *(01426 914 098)* **Plaza** (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888 990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **INDEPENDENCE DAY** (12): Aliens invade America's skies in this outsize popcorn feast starring Jeff Goldblum, *Will Smith and Bill Pullman. Director,* Roland Emmerich. ***ABC Tottenham Court Road*** *(0171-636 6148)* **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915 683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** *(0171-935 2772)* **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** (U): Mistreated James finds his feet in a peach voyaging across the Atlantic. *Excellent animated version of Roald* Dahl's book, from the team behind *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Director, Henry Selick. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** *(0171-586 3057)* **West End** (01426-915 574) **Phoenix** (0181-883 *2233)* ***Ritzy*** *(0171-737 2121)* **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) ***UCI Whiteleys*** *(0171-792 3332)* **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE** (PG): Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruise's special agent, in this *enjoyable revival of the television series*. With Jon Voight, Vanessa Redgrave and Emmanuelle Béart. Director, Brian De Palma. **Empire** (0990 888 990) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** 🅂 (0990 888 990) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888 990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) ***Fulham Road*** *(0171-370 2636)* **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031)

SECRETS & LIES (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall. **ABCs: Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) ***Shaftesbury Avenue*** *(0171-836 6279)* **Odeons: Mezzanine** 🅂 (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** *(01426 914098)* **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

◆ **THE STUPIDS** (PG): Mirthless comedy about America's stupidest family. With Tom Arnold and Jessica Lundy. Director, John Landis. **Odeons: Kensington** *(01426 914666)* **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** *(01426-915 574)*

◆ **THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS** (15): Pleasant romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin. Director, Michael Lehmann. ***ABC Tottenham Court Road*** *(0171-636 6148)* **Screen/Baker Street** *(0171-935 2772)* **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 *(0990 888990)* **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

Is verse getting worse?

THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston

reports on an RSC debate, and reviews a musical triumph

Speak the speech, I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue. Thus Hamlet begins his advice to the actors, going on to reveal what bad times he has had to endure in the playhouse, forced to listen to ranting players who tear a passion to tatters, to very rags. He'd have them whipped for it.

This style of punishment never caught on, but an old fundamentalist ranter is hard to find these days, in the professional theatre, that is. Max Beerbohm suspected that his respect for his elders was based on *nothing more than* fear that at any moment they might boom out *their memories of* Henry Irving in *The Bells*. Boomers are out of fashion, too. Yet the worry about verse-speaking — Why is it worse? Is it worse? — continues to agitate theatregoers and practitioners.

Not all the worriers are pedants and/or enthusiasts who saw Gielgud play Hamlet in 1939. *And 1934. And 1930.* To raise the matter, and answer matters arising, Adrian Noble chaired a discussion entitled *Verse Speaking Over The Last Thirty Years* on Sunday at the Swan Theatre, Stratford, where his fellow speakers were Sir Peter Hall, *John Barton and* Cicely Berry: three directors and the voice coach whose skills have helped generations of Royal *Shakespeare Company actors* to reach into their mystery.

All four spoke in the first half — Berry unexpectedly quietly, but then she wasn't *speaking verse to us. She did a* couple of exercises with actors from the audience, and two more after the interval when the discussion was opened to questions and comments from the floor. Numerous theatricals were in the audience, plus teachers, academics and those who were called, by a smiling Noble, ordinary folk.

As so often happens on good-natured occasions of this sort, rather fewer conclusions were reached than one had hoped, and rather more byways were wandered into, uncovering items of interest which were, however, peripheral to the announced subject.

> ❛ A good ranter is hard to find these days ❜

The title of the discussion is some kind of pentameter, and though *not an iambic one* it was Hall, a confessed iambic pentameter freak, who *stayed closest to* the subject — appropriately enough, since he insisted on the importance of attending to the form of the verse. Let that become second nature, as it was for the Elizabethan actors. Let the form of the lines of the speeches become the way the mind thinks and feels. The form will take you to the *feeling.*

A Shakespeare performance by Al Pacino that he watched in New York scored 96 per cent for emotion and zero for form, Hall told his audience, because no one had told Pacino where to breathe. He breathed when out of breath. "I do not allow actors to breathe in the middle of a line," Hall said firmly.

Everyone agreed why actors *felt mystified, not to say* alarmed, when asked to speak Shakespeare. Until 30 or so years ago all actors had the Shakespeare *tune* in their heads, *marinated in it from* the start of their acting lives. Nowadays verse speaking is not emphasised at drama schools. *Why should it be?* Better to teach naturalistic acting because there will be more acting jobs in that.

John Barton demonstrated *the training value of speaking* Shakespeare's sonnets. Sonnet 29 ("When, in disgrace with fortune and man's eyes") is a *single, 14-line sentence, where* the tone shifts after the first eight but must be anticipated from the beginning.

I found this fascinating, more so than Berry's exercise which used Martina Laird as Hippolyta, being pulled back by two other actresses, and Leo Wringer *(Theseus) pushed back* by another two, to show, er, how emphasis increases when frustrated, I suppose.

More interesting, and arising from Noble's remark that "the crucial thing is to get the audience to listen", were the questions from members of *the RSC company*. One actress wanted to know how she could decide when to stop colouring a word; another felt she pondered too much one night, too little the next. "Less is more," Hall said, or, possibly, "More is less." Generally true, but I longed for someone to present a sequence where dreadful speaking was followed by the same speech made endurable, *admirable and at last miraculous.*

> ❛ No one had told Al Pacino where to breathe ❜

So really the occasion had the interest, for non-actors, of *simply hearing performers* and directors discuss their craft. As a topping on the cake Sir Peter spoke the "You blocks, *you stones*" speech from *Julius Caesar* in the way it might have been heard in Shakespeare's day. His voice became softer, warm and oddly *round* — "Knoo you not Pompeh?" — but there was some familiar tang to it, explained when he commented: "The resemblance to the Rev Ian Paisley is striking."

Well, it was friendlier than that, but on the drive back to London *I imagined Ian P. speaking the Iambic P.* As Henry V, of course, and Lady Macbeth, but Romeo too, and Juliet. I may have made him ponder too little and colour too much, so how splendid if we could hear the real man having a go at it.

CLIVE BARDA

Cicely Berry: directed vocal exercises with actors

Musical marvel in locomotion

On the Twentieth Century
Bridewell, London

Once in a while a marvel happens. *At some fringe theatre — and though the Bridewell is bigger than many, it seats only 120 — an inspired director mounts a* production that for sheer exuberance and deft, joyful staging would grace the stage of any theatre in the land, *Jeremy Kingston writes.*

This particular show is a musical, a genre that ups the level of enjoyment if all is going well but painfully exposes any shortcomings. Just occasionally *the voice of one of Carol Metcalfe's* team turns cloudy, but let that pass — I haven't enjoyed an evening so much for months.

First, the set. *The Twentieth Century* was a luxury express that sped between Chicago and New York, and after an opening scene on the Chicago platform, the action continues inside its compartments. In Bridget Kimak's thrilling design the round nose of the locomotive occupies a dominant position at the centre of the stage, recalling *the machine-room of Metropolis*, and is flanked by Art Deco images of silver *wheels*. The nose hinges upward to become the canopy of a bar, and that is the extent of the scene-changing.

It is the early 1930s and Oscar Jaffee, an impresario with four flops behind him, is trying to woo back to the stage the Hollywood star, Lily Garland, whom *he* discovered as a gawky, hobbling audition pianist many years before. Can he tempt her with the part of the Magdalen, vending olives in the Jerusalem market? A heavenly light *bathes her*, a ghostly organ does its background work on her imagination. Perhaps *it is time to renew* herself and, as Oscar remarks: "We shall feed on one another's fire/ Like Prometheus and Promethia."

The lyrics (Betty Comden and Adolph Green) sparkle with this kind of witty nonsense. A wealthy philanthropist on board turns out to be an escapee *from the funny farm, inspiring* this sublime splutter: "Miss Peabody a nut? / But but but but but but but . . . !" Cy Coleman's score is as witty, and he *relishes opportunities for pastiche* (Weill, Bernstein, musical comedy).

But none of these ingredients would create the delight we see on the *Bridewell stage were it not for Metcalfe's exemplary work with her cast,* supported by her musical director (Mark W. Dorrell) and choreographer (Jenny Arnold).

Martin Callaghan (the fat one) and Stephen Matthews (skinny) make an excellent double act as the musical's equivalent of broker's men, and Peter *Hilton does an amusingly chin-first job* as Bruce Granit, *the film hero.* The show's strong leads are Michael N. Harbour, his flamboyance coming with an acute ear for placing a line, and *the superb Kathryn Evans. Her Lily is* a five-star glory. The angular arm movements owe something to Joan Crawford but the impish smile is her own. *The voice is clear*, strong and expressive. *She can warble. Go back to* Oscar? "I'd rather DIE!" and her voice goes bounding up the scale. Terrific.

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

While it might just be possible to argue, from a limited point of view, that *Brian McMaster's* Edinburgh Festival is "tame" — in the sense that Salzburg is "tame" — it is scarcely up to Frank Dunlop, McMaster's immediate predecessor as director, to do it — as he did in a Scottish newspaper interview this week. If the music programmes had continued their decline into banality when McMaster took over five years ago, there would now be no discriminating audience in Edinburgh to hear them and no self-respecting musicians to perform them.

Besides, there is nothing ignominiously tame about, say, an **Evgeny Kissin** recital in the Usher Hall running into 60 minutes' overtime with no fewer than ten encores, or — at a fraction of Salzburg ticket prices — the **New York Philharmonic** exciting the admiration of another capacity audience in the same hall on each of the two following days. If there was a disappointment in the orchestral concerts it was where, with **Kurt Masur** conducting, it was least expected. The New York Philharmonic has become an interestingly sensitive ensemble during the five years he has been artistic director. *Till Eulenspiegel*, on the other hand, remains the rogue he always was. So it was disconcerting to hear him presented in Strauss's tone poem at the beginning of the first concert as a respectable citizen with a conscience for long-term structural virtues, little spontaneity and not much humour.

In the same programme Ned Rorem's Concerto for Cor anglais — written four years ago for the orchestra's excellent principal, Thomas Stacey, who most persuasively performed it on this occasion — confirmed what we have always known about that nostalgic instrument. So, at this stage in the New York Philharmonic experience, it was up to Beethoven's Seventh Symphony to make the aerobic effect, which it duly did in a faultlessly performed and disciplined interpretation from the very centre of the European tradition.

But it was in the Russian repertoire, in the second of the two concerts, that Masur and the New York Philharmonic were to be heard in full character and full colour. The elegantly executed horn solo with just a hint of St Petersburg vibrato in the slow movement of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, the not over-refined bassoon sound in the same work, the extraordinary control of the piccolo's long sustained pianissimo at the end of a cleverly constructed suite from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*, the expressive viola, the eloquent tuba: these are examples of individual distinction in an ensemble which, while it lacks the clear string textures of an American orchestra at its best, is effortlessly cohesive and finely balanced overall. With Masur conducting, moreover, there is no danger of a performance becoming a mere demonstration of technical quality.

In the meantime, modestly tucked away in St Cuthbert's Church, the 18-part series of Haydn string quartets continues. It is not the ideal acoustic for chamber music but the atmosphere is helpful, the ticket prices conspicuously reasonable and — in defiance of the festival's obscurantist policy elsewhere — the early evening light from the stained glass windows allows the audience to consult its comprehensive programme notes or even to read its scores.

Perhaps the major value of these concerts is that, for those who choose to attend a number of them, they gather their own momentum and their accumulation of specialist experience. The **Emperor Quartet** was far from emphatic in its interpretations of three of the Op 50 quartets but, in their context, they were revelatory performances. Concentration like that, on one small period, proved to be more effective than the more varied programme (from Opp 20, 33 and 77) from the **Quatuor Mosaïques** the following day: the earlier works tend to get overshadowed by the more mature inspirations.

As for the Evgeny Kissin piano recital in the Usher, whatever one's assessment of his sensitivity in Schumann or Beethoven, his technique and physical strength at the keyboard are beyond question.

Kurt Masur rehearses in Edinburgh with the New York Philharmonic: no mere demonstration of technical quality

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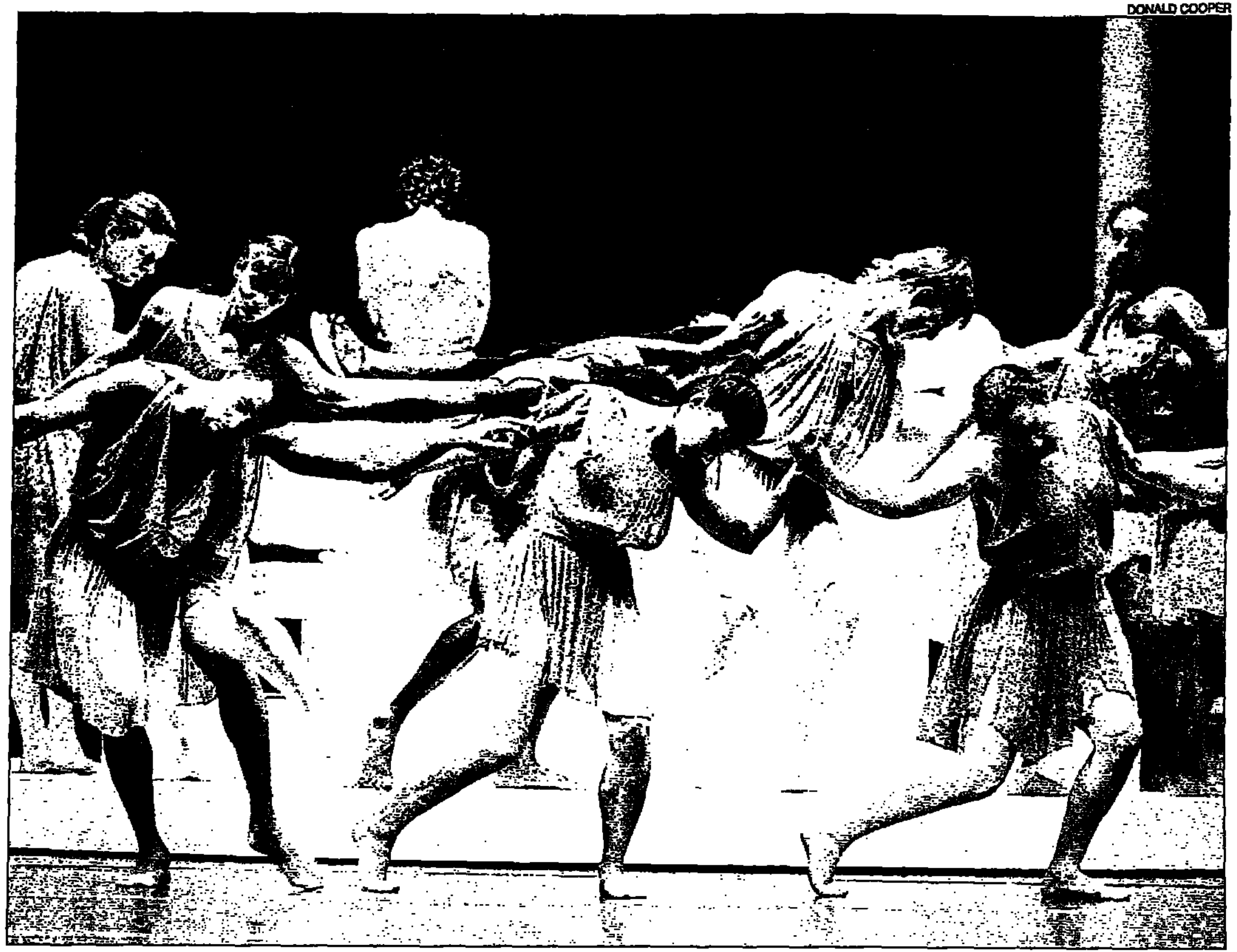

"One for dance fans more than music-lovers": members of the Mark Morris Dance Group mourn the death of Euridice in his production of Gluck's opera

Feet and voice in tune

Debra Craine sees opera share the stage with dance in *Orfeo ed Euridice* at the Festival Theatre

The choreographer Mark Morris is no stranger to opera. Neither is he a stranger to the sensibilities of 18th-century musical writing. As he has already shown with his dance adaptation of Handel's *L'Allegro*, he has a wonderful sympathy for the clarity and elegance of the period.

So Morris, who disdains anything artificial or florid in his dances, was already favourably disposed towards Gluck's prime directive — the "noble simplicity" of his great reform opera of 1762 — when the conductor Christopher Hogwood approached him to stage *Orfeo* with Hogwood's Boston-based period instrument ensemble, the Handel and Haydn Society.

And indeed, simplicity is the trademark of the *Orfeo* Morris and Hogwood bring to this year's Edinburgh Festival. From the cascading white drapes and unadorned columns of Adrianne Lobel's immaculate set to the purity and balance of the staging, a straightforward classical harmony invests every aspect of Morris's consummate vision. Nothing chaotic or emotionally fervent is allowed to disturb this cool and clean landscape, even when the "thousand pangs" of a grieving Orfeo would suggest otherwise.

Having a choreographer at the helm does solve *Orfeo*'s main problem: what to do when not a lot is going on. Morris is adept at incorporating dance into the action, even where it is not called for, and is helped by his decision to place the chorus on risers on either side of the stage, thus freeing the main performing area for members of the Mark Morris Dance Group. This allows the singers to sing and the dancers to dance without any pretence at crossover.

The big dance numbers demanded by the score are self-contained — the ballet of the Furies at the start of Act II, the ballet of the Blessed Spirits that greets Orfeo on his arrival in the Elysian Fields — and full of a light-bodied, Isadora-ish fluency set within a courtly, formal patterning. The dance is never immodest in its aims; even when it encloses Orfeo in its swirling midst at the gates of Hades, it never overwhelms his presence.

But Morris also uses dance as a mirror to externalise Orfeo's trial. Orfeo's long lament for his lost wife in Act I is echoed physically (as well as musically) by a solo male dancer on the opposite side of the stage, supporting the text in analogous movements. But, while the duality of exposition is illuminating, the dancer does take one's eye away from Michael Chance's Orfeo in one of the opera's key passages.

There were other musical consequences on Friday night (this is a production that will appeal more to dance fans than to music-lovers). The balance between orchestra and singers was not quite right — can a chorus do its best from the sidelines? — and there were times when it was hard to hear the singers above the orchestra.

Chance's countertenor rang out strongly for the most part, particularly rich in the lower register. His Italian, though, was not as clear as it might be, especially so when contrasted with the superb diction of Christine Brandes's plucky and vocally lively Amor. As Euridice, Dana Hanchard has a voice not unlike Chance's and their big duet (staged like a minuet) was a high point, the shape of their singing meshing together beautifully.

MUSIC IN LONDON: Passionate Prom; plus a 17th-century night out

Dazzled by northern lights

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The Oslo Philharmonic has been playing at the Proms for nearly a decade, and during that time its annual visits have become one of the most keenly awaited events of the entire season. Regrettably, the man responsible for the orchestra's promotion to the top league, music director Mariss Jansons, was unable to share the acclaim this year — his doctors have advised him to rest until October — but under Manfred Honeck they gave of their superlative best in Sunday night's concert, to the delight of a capacity audience.

Honeck, who is due to take up a post at Norwegian National Opera, seemed entirely at home in Rossini's overture to *The Italian Girl in Algiers*. From the ear-straining pianissimo of the opening bars, through the nimbly pointed rhythms of the Allegro, to the histrionically brassy conclusion, this was a thoroughly theatrical performance.

A group of five of Grieg's best-loved songs followed, with Barbara Bonney, silver of tone, exquisitely tender of phrase, the soprano soloist. *Solveig's Song* and the poignant *Lullaby*, both from *Peer Gynt*, were done with simple but heartbreaking eloquence, the orchestral accompaniment rendered with rare refinement. But it was *Spring* that drew from these players some of the most miraculously rapt string sonorities yet heard this season. The Prommers would not release them or Bonney for their well-deserved interval refreshment without an equally intense encore.

The theatrical mode returned for Mahler's Fifth Symphony — not inappropriately, considering the psychological drama of the work and the operatic career of the composer. Indeed, something about the profile of Honeck, passionately engaged, arms fully outstretched, conjured the familiar, caricatured image of Mahler himself on the podium.

So ardently rhetorical was the discourse of the opening funeral march — every phrase invested with life-or-death conviction — that one feared the intensity could never be maintained. Yet it was, and with some intriguing events on the way.

The tam-tam, already heard to sinister effect along with dark-toned trombones in the funeral march, returned to lend an extraordinarily evocative colouring to the stormy second movement.

Honeck's unhurried tempo for the Adagietto suggested neither quite the love song of Mengelberg's testimony, nor the infinitely protracted deathwish of tradition, but a deeply felt elegy, mingling contentment and tears. How the orchestra played throughout with such devastating accuracy and fierce commitment in what seemed like equatorial conditions remains a mystery. But they were faithful to the last, and the coda of the Rondo finale erupted in a glorious blaze of sound.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Were those the days, my friend?

Jiggery-Pokery
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ONE antidote to an exaggeratedly apocalyptic view of our dying century is to go back some 400 years and observe the 16th century turning into the 17th. "Tell arts they have no soundness, But vary by esteeming/Tell schools they want profoundness, And stand too much on seeming." Sir Walter Raleigh's litany goes on, and so did a dozen other voices of his time, to deplore the growth of materialism of poverty and privilege, the rule of commerce and the misrule of the Irish.

It was ever so. And so, in a graphic entertainment which shone a bright light on the true meaning of "authenticity", Stephen Preston's MZT dance company and an array of actors and musicians made their potent contribution to Philip Pickett's Early Music Festival on the South Bank.

Jiggery-Pokery, they called it, this highly original amalgam of dance, poetry and song, whose dark denouement gave the lie to the promise of "a light-hearted peep up the skirts of the 17th century". This was a long, laconic wake for an age which saw the gradual untuning of the music of the spheres. It began with Dryden's lament for that lost "heavenly harmony", followed by a chilling and totally silent period dance: the dancers heard no music, and their heavy costumes pinioned them to the earth.

Costume — or lack of it — was properly significant throughout the evening. *Love lies a-bleeding* was sung and danced in T-shirts and Doc Martens; the rhythm of *Lilliburlero* was set up by the slow, heavy tread of four marchers coming down the aisles dressed in black gaberdines and balaclavas ("By Chreish and St Patrick, de Nation's our own . . ."). Yes, it was ever so.

But MZT's game with costume obscured neither the skill of their footwork (a patterning of English notated dances and anti-masque dances), nor the skill of their musicians (a string band, two lutenists and Mhairi Lawson's eloquent soprano). Purcell's *Fairest Isle* at last found a context of irony and nostalgia often lacking in performances in the composer's great anniversary year. And one of his minuets found itself metamorphosing into a 1920s tango.

The great merging of the centuries, though, was saved for the show's final coup. The consort music of *Mad Tom* gradually overlapped and became submerged by the horrific dustbin-lid cacophony of Preston's *Pound*, a "charivari" of "rough music", expressing the rage of the populace, as London's eternal begging Bedlam coexisted, for a brief moment, inside and outside a South Bank of timeless spectators.

HILARY FINCH

Back in an old groove

JAZZ

ONE of the most evocative sounds of the 1960s was the integration of sitars and tablas with mainstream pop music. But even before George Harrison's experiments with the Beatles, the groundwork had been done by British jazz musicians through the group led by Indian-born violinist John Mayer and Jamaican alto saxophonist Joe Harriott.

Indo-Jazz Fusions made three albums before Harriott's death in 1973. Even then, critics were divided about the success of fusing dance music with trance music, but Harriott's improvisation won the band a committed following.

Since the demise of the original group, Mayer has led a distinguished career as a composer and teacher. This year, though, he re-formed the band. Now, with a new album on the way, they played one of their first British gigs at the inaugural Ross-on-Wye International Festival.

In a marquee next to the Wye, the band went into *Raga Megha*, immediately raising all the old critical questions again. Without soloists of the calibre of Harriott to impose a dominant musical personality on each composition, the band placed more emphasis on the underlying conjunction of styles, and this quickly settled into a sequence of alternations between genres more than genuine fusion.

But, as the band settled, saxophonist Anna Brooks came into her own, and some exhilarating solos also came from Mayer's son Jonathan on sitar and pianist Steve Tromans.

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Fiona Bawdon reports on one woman's long and costly struggle for justice

Nightmare that lasted 16 years

A prime aim of Lord Woolf's civil justice review is to cut the cost of going to court. However, if he had wanted to make a few savings closer to home, Lord Woolf could probably have spent a couple of hours talking to a mild-mannered former lecturer from east London and achieved exactly the same result. Patricia Eaton believes she could have helped the Master of the Rolls to find out the wrongs in the civil justice system that need to be changed: all from personal experience.

Miss Eaton has agreed to accept damages (thought to be more than £400,000) for breach of contract and negligence from the London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA), which inherited the case from the Inner London Education Authority (Ilea), her former employer. It has, however, taken her 16 years, nearly 50 court appearances, reams of paper and tens of thousands of pounds to win her case.

Geoffrey Bindman, the London solicitor who latterly advised Miss Eaton, calls it " a nightmare case". Lord Woolf might well agree. After a decade and a half of procedural wrangling, the case was finally listed for a six-week trial at the High Court — at which she would be representing herself. On the morning of the hearing, Miss Eaton and her supporters duly turned up, as did the defendants, their lawyers — including a QC, junior barrister and a legal team from the City firm Eversheds — witnesses for both sides, and trolleyloads of papers.

A few hours later, however, they were all trooping home. A settlement had been agreed at the door of the court.

After years of apparently believing that they could see her off, the defendants suddenly caved in and were prepared to pay what Mr Bindman calls a good settlement and to publish a 474-word apology in two national newspapers.

Despite her ultimate success, Miss Eaton characterises her experience as a paradigm of everything that is wrong with the legal system. What happened to her is only what can and does happen to other people — only more so, she believes.

Miss Eaton's brush with the legal system began in the early 1980s, when she won a defamation action against a fellow lecturer at Avery Hill College (now Greenwich University) in Eltham, southeast London. The defendant, Terry Horsley, declared himself bankrupt and still owes Miss Eaton £20,000 in unpaid legal costs.

Her situation was compounded by her employer's refusal to investigate her complaints about her defamer: instead of which, the college removed Miss Eaton from part of her professional duties. Later, after the college had merged with Thames Polytechnic, Miss Eaton lost her job while Mr Horsley continued to be employed by Ilea. Miss Eaton has never worked since — and, at 62, is unlikely to work again. She has spent her years out of work, demanding redress for the abrupt end to a successful and much-loved teaching career.

As someone who has been at the sharp end of the court system, Miss Eaton is calling for almost exactly the same kinds of changes as proposed by Lord Woolf in his *New Landscape for Civil Justice*. He wants to make litigation less confrontational and to stop weaker parties being intimidated by those with deeper pockets. Miss Eaton is not alone in believing that the defendants in her case hoped she would be scared off.

Nick Raynsford, her MP, said of one letter sent by the defendant's solicitors, Jacques & Lewis (later taken over by Eversheds): "The tone is fairly offensive and intimidatory, and I take the gravest exception to their attitude towards my constituent and myself."

At one hearing the barrister referred to Miss Eaton as "this woman". When her then solicitor complained, the defence referred it to the Legal Aid Board, claiming this showed Miss Eaton's lawyers were wasting public money.

Peter Scales, LPFA executive chairman, insists, however, that the money was well spent — and adds that the quango has no plans to review its relationship with Eversheds or any other firm. He rejects suggestions that the case has cost the taxpayer about £1 million. "I don't know what all the costs were," he says. "All I can say to you is that our costs were nothing like that."

He refused to say how much the authority's legal bills had been. "I could tell you, but I don't want to." Eversheds declined to comment on any aspect of the case. But since the case's conclusion, it has been referred to the National Audit Office by Mr Raynsford, who has asked for an urgent investigation.

Even more radical reforms may be necessary

Miss Eaton insists that the case could have been settled on comparable terms at any time since 1990, saving both sides the expense of gearing up for trial. Not surprisingly, then, she applauds Lord Woolf's idea for introducing a plaintiff's offer to settle. Under this, a defendant who turned down a reasonable offer would have to pay punitive rates of interest of up to 25 per cent in some cases.

Mr Bindman says that whatever Lord Woolf does, it will not be easy to encourage some lawyers to settle cases earlier. "Many solicitors are confrontational when they could do better for their client by a more conciliatory approach," he says. "After 35 years in practice, I find less willingness to compromise."

Mr Bindman blames the shift away from settlement on many law firms' increasing use of relatively junior solicitors to handle litigation. Such people do not have the experience or vision to negotiate, he claims, and, instead, blindly follow procedures, almost regardless of the ultimate cost to the client.

Rather than leaving tactics to the lawyers, clients need to be more closely involved in what is being done in their name, he says. That is why he singles out Lord Woolf's proposal to encourage the parties — rather than their lawyers — to sit around a table.

This, Miss Eaton says, is what she wanted to achieve all along, resorting to court action only when it proved unsuccessful.

Overall, however, Mr Bindman is not optimistic that the reforms will prevent another Patricia Eaton being put through the legal mill for years on end. Something rather more radical may be needed, he believes. He adds: "I imagine we might achieve just as good a result if we got rid of all formalities and brought the parties together in front of an arbitrator who would decide the case on the spot."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Patricia Eaton: she has personal experience of the failings of the civil justice system

Easy access to the Bar — as there once was

The Bar's new *pro bono* unit, where barristers will take on "deserving cases" without charge, is seeking a relaxation of the rules so that members of the public may approach its barristers direct, without having to go through a solicitor first.

The logic behind this idea is not likely to be well understood by clients of the Bar who do have to pay their fees. It will be yet another anomaly in the Bar's rules.

At present a client abroad can contact a barrister in England and Wales directly, but clients in England and Wales cannot. He or she must first see a solicitor. Members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers can contact the Bar directly — one of the group of professions which, in recent years, has been granted the right of direct access — but not members of the Institute of Gas Engineers. And North Yorkshire Probation Service can deal with barristers direct — but not North Yorkshire Police. And barristers can be e-mailed from Calais but not from Dover.

Rather than adding anomaly to anomaly, it would be simpler if the rule were scrapped completely and barristers were allowed to deal directly with any client they chose. Whenever any such suggestion is made, the Bar Council has a fit of the vapours and claims that no barrister wants to deal with the public directly and that any change would destroy the most ancient and sacred practices of English law. The first argument leads to the obvious question: why is a prohibition necessary if nobody wants to do it, anyway? Yet most barristers do seem to believe that the rule against direct access is so ancient that when the first barrister crawled out of the primeval slime he was followed (at a suitably respectful distance) by a solicitor handing out briefs. The reality is different.

For centuries, barristers were contacted by their clients directly as well as via solicitors, attorneys, proctors, scriveners etc. Barristers had free choice in the matter and in the case of *Bennett v Hale* reported in 1850 it was confirmed by Lord Campbell, the Lord Chief Justice, that there was no rule of law preventing a barrister receiving his instructions directly from a client. That judgment was in the Court of Queen's Bench, now part of the High Court. It has never been overruled.

During the time that most 19th-century barristers practised on a referral basis it was an entirely personal choice and some barristers did deal with clients directly. One barrister called Kennedy practised for a number of years in Birmingham advertising his services in the local press as "dispensing with the unnecessary expense of a solicitor". In *Kennedy v Broun* (1862) it was confirmed that he was perfectly entitled to practise in this way.

However, *Kennedy v Broun* also confirmed that a barrister could not sue his client for his fees and that decision had the effect of discouraging most barristers from following Kennedy's example. If instructions came via a solicitor, the solicitor was professionally obliged to pay counsel's fees. The solicitor-barrister division as we understand it therefore arose not as a great decision of professional principle but simply as the safest way for barristers to ensure that they got paid. The client, of course, ended up paying two sets of fees.

Direct access did not, however, die out completely. The 1895 edition of *The National Encyclopaedia* noted that barristers were frequently instructed directly in criminal cases and cases in the County Court and the 1908 edition of *Halsburys Laws* noted that there was no rule preventing barristers dealing with the public directly; it was merely a matter of personal etiquette.

Despite this clear legal opinion, the Attorney-General in 1888 decided that it was professionally improper for a barrister to undertake contentious work without a solicitor. In 1955 the Attorney-General extended this "rule" to cover non-contentious work as well. So the "rule" was not laid down by the judges or the profession but by a government minister. The Bar as a whole has never voted on the issue. The rule is legally questionable and has existed for only 40 years.

In *Bennett v Hale* Lord Campbell said that "the etiquette of the Bar is one thing; a practice which is to bind the world is another", and he was right. The Bar Council is entitled to want barristers to receive instructions via solicitors, but it is not entitled to make it a binding rule. Whether clients and the administration of justice are best served by barristers receiving instructions through solicitors is a matter on which there are valid differences of opinion.

Even if the overwhelming majority of barristers wants to receive instructions via solicitors, that is still no reason to make it compulsory. Barristers as individuals should be free to choose how they as individuals wish to practise their profession. Free choice, not restrictive practices, is the real tradition of the Bar.

NEIL ADDISON

● *The author is a barrister in private practice.*

Campaign adds up

THE image of lawyers cannot be all bad. Foote, Cone & Belding is an advertising agency famous for its ads for Molson beer, Orangina, Pledge furniture polish — and, er, having Lewis Silkin, the law firm, as its legal adviser. Not the type of glamorous client agencies like to boast about. Roger Alexander, Lewis Silkin's senior partner, is starring in 60-second radio ads to promote the agency (punchline: "FCB: Honest; decent; truthful; successful — and legal").

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Did Roger ("Take One") Alexander charge his usual fee for being in the ad? No comment, says Ms Broster.

INNS AND OUTS

Likely future

BARRISTERS will be able to grill Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, for the first time at an open forum moderated by Vincent Hanna at the annual Bar conference on September 28.

Lord Irvine, who is giving the main speech at the one-day conference, is expected to use the platform to outline the policies likely to be adopted by Labour if it wins the next election. The conference has already attracted 300 participants and looks like being a sell-out.

Coincidentally, details are from Blair Communications & Marketing (0171-722 9731).

Lord Irvine of Lairg: grilling?

Fusion of firms?

AS competition between big accountancy firms and the top law firms reaches record levels of ferocity, leaders of the Law Society and the Bar are to use the opening of the legal year in October to launch a debate on whether to allow mixed partnerships between accountants and lawyers — or, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

But who will join whom? Ross Harper, president of the International Bar Association, said at the recent American Bar Association conference in Florida that lawyers have only months in which to respond to the threat that accountants could take over the legal profession.

Tony Girling, president of the Law Society, is taking a lead. Lawyers, he says, should accept the reality of mixed partnerships. And John Randall, the Law Society's head of professional standards, contends that the current ban on mixed partnerships prohibits outside investment in law firms. If law firms are to compete, they must, he believes, be able to raise outside capital.

● *FEES are still a touchy and secretive subject for most lawyers. But Shoosmiths & Harrison is publicising its annual performance. While some of the top City law firms still refuse to confirm their gross-fee income, Shoosmiths has said that its own income is up from £24.6 million to £29.5 million and that 126 new staff have been recruited.*

Just a quickie

IN THE wake of Lord Woolf's proposals to speed up civil justice, lawyers are falling over themselves to prove how speedy they can be. Edge & Ellision recently acted for the Football League in resisting an action by Stevenage Borough Football Club to gain admission to the league. The case, from writ issue to judgment, took 12 weeks — half the time Lord Woolf envisages for disputes of up to £10,000.

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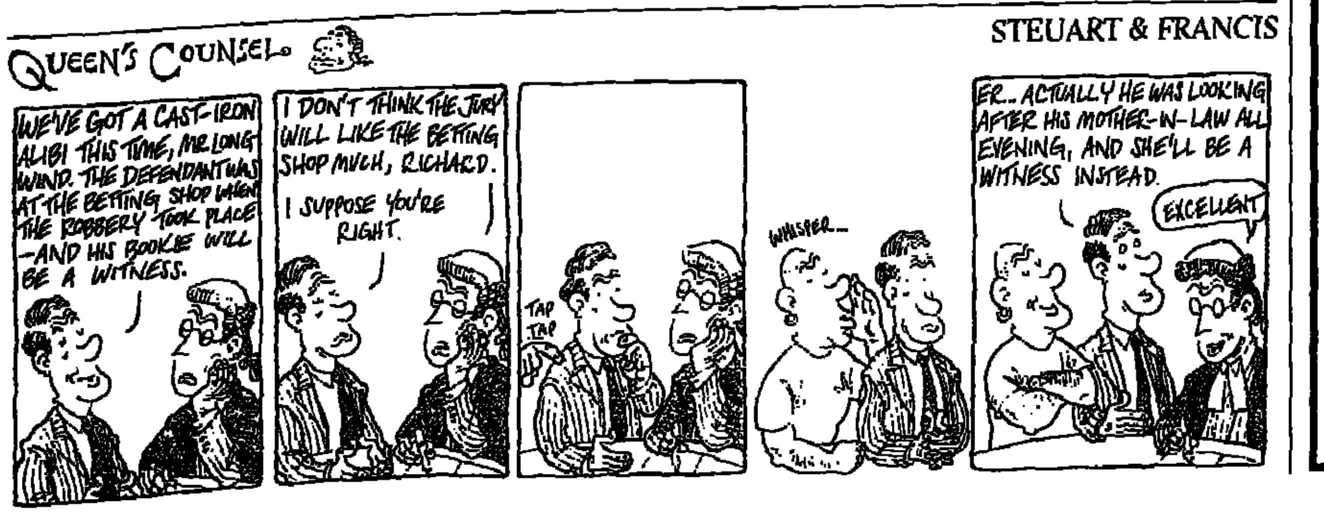
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Geoffrey Wildsmith, left, who, two and a half years after being seriously injured, began communicating about how he had been attacked, and MPs Alan Milburn and Doug Hoyle

Murder, however long it takes

The abolition of an ancient Act will pose the dilemma for the Attorney-General of whether to prosecute, says **Gary Slapper**

This summer, 700 years after it was first the subject of legislation, the "year and a day" rule in English law was abolished by the Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) Act. The new law comes into full effect this week.

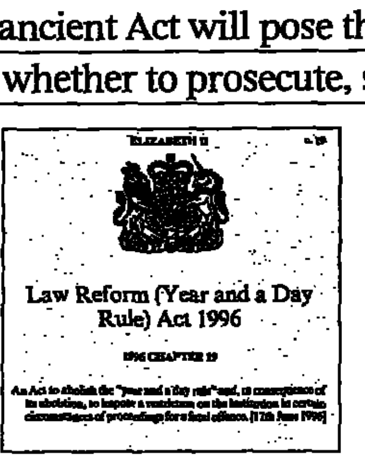
The old rule stated that a person could not be convicted of murder where the death in question occurred more than a year and a day *from the moment of the fatal injury*. The rule also applied to manslaughter, abetting suicides, infanticides, causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink, and aggravated vehicle taking causing death.

Michael Gibson was brutally beaten on the night of his twenty-first birthday by a thug in an unprovoked attack in Darlington in 1993. He suffered very serious injuries and brain damage, but was *revived and went on living in a* persistent vegetative state (PVS) for 16 months until he died of pneumonia. His attacker, David Clark, was not prosecuted for the homicide because of the anachronistic rule. Instead, he received a three-year jail sentence for causing grievous bodily harm, but was released after 18 months.

This caused widespread public concern, and Pat Gibson, Michael's mother, along with her MP, Alan Milburn, started a campaign to change the law. The new Act, a Private Member's Bill, sponsored by Doug Hoyle (the Labour MP for Warrington North), passed through Parliament with remark*able speed and unanimity. It went* through all the Commons stages in less than two minutes.

The old rule was originally a procedural measure traceable to *the Statute of Gloucester in 1278.* Relatives of the victim who wanted to bring an action had to do so within a year. The Crown could also prosecute but, as a matter of practice, it usually waited until the 366-day period had expired before a prosecution. Through judicial pronouncements, this procedural requirement was hardened into a substantive rule of law for all homicide actions. The "day" was added to show that a year must run *after the day on which the injury* was done.

One of the original reasons for the rule was evidential: testimony from witnesses about an incident more than a year old would be unreliable. There were, however, other justifications. In an age of primitive medical science, proving (or disproving) causation between an injury and a death many months or years later was virtually impossible, so a universal limit of "a year and a day" was adopted as a convenience. Additionally, there is the point that the person responsible for the initial injury should not be indefinitely exposed to prosecution for homicide.



ELIZABETH II c. 19

Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 19

An Act to abolish the "year and a day rule" and, in consequence of its abolition, to impose a restriction on the institution in certain circumstances of proceedings for a fatal offence. [17th June 1996]

There are many cases similar to that of Mr Gibson's. Since the rule was made, medical science has *developed significantly and it is* now possible for severely injured people to be kept alive for a long time in PVS on life-support systems. There are about 1,200 people *in PVS in the UK, a number of* whom are victims of attacks.

Under British Medical Association guidelines for PVS cases, artificial feeding should not be withdrawn for at least a year, and, in the light of recent evidence that PVS sufferers can recover after a *period longer than a year*, the waiting period for withdrawal of artificial feeding might be extended. Recent guidelines from the Royal College of Physicians are being reconsidered in the light of *the case involving a businessman* from the North of England. He is a patient whose condition was diagnosed seven years ago as in PVS yet in March he suddenly confounded doctors by becoming aware of his surroundings and communicating with hospital staff.

In the same week Geoffrey Wildsmith, a brain-damaged musician from Surrey, who was also in PVS, began communicating about how he had been attacked on a train two *and a half years earlier.* Police had originally assumed that part of his head had been sliced off in an accident when he put his head out the window. The number of *PVS victims is likely to grow* because more life-support systems will now be kept on for longer. Some sufferers, such as the businessman, and Mr Wildsmith, may *recover but others will not and* when their machines are turned off, murder prosecutions could now follow.

Abolition of the old rule also carries reverberations into the world of industrial deaths. When criminal gross negligence from an employer *results* in death, a manslaughter prosecution can follow. Every year there are about 450 workplace fatalities. There are, though, about 10,000 annual deaths from chronic, work-related *conditions such as asbestosis and* mesothelioma. Under the year and a day rule, such fatalities were outside the law of homicide, even when there was criminal culpabil*ity on the employer's part. Now,* many manslaughter prosecutions could, theoretically, result from these deaths when a victim is recklessly injured at work then takes more than a year to die.

Every year thousands of people die from injuries they suffered more than a year earlier *in inci*dents resulting from criminal driving, from assaults, and from incidents or conditions received at work. Prosecutions for causing *death by dangerous driving, mur*der, manslaughter and infanticide could rise sharply as a result of the new law.

How *far this happens* will, though, be a matter of policy to be decided by the Attorney-General. His consent is now required before a prosecution can be brought in cases in which the injury alleged to have caused the death occurred more than three years before the death occurred, and also when the person whom it is intended to prosecute for a fatal offence has already been convicted of an offence connected to the circumstances of the death.

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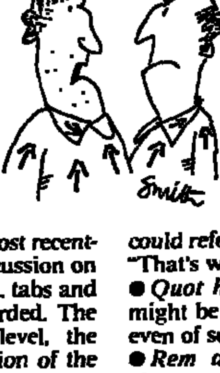
So that's what it's all about

Donald Williams seeks English equivalents of Latin sayings

One does not have to be a professor or even a student of linguistics to know that our English language *is a charivari of languages.* That is one of its strengths. The cross-fertilisation has brought about its variety and wealth of expression. That part of the language used by lawyers — Legalese or Linglish — reflects the many sources of law that have become embedded, *encrusted or barna*cled in our legal system and the practice of law.

One only has to think of such odd-sounding expressons as "*feme sole*", "sequestration" or "garnishee" to realise the influence of the various legal systems that have been absorbed by English law (Scottish lawyers have their own mixture, producing *such notions as* "not proven" and the "sisting" of a judgment).



I GOT 4 ANNI HORRIBILES AND 6 MONTHS
Smilby

But has the time *come to rid our*selves of what Pope described as "the dull lumber of the Latin store" and purge our English language of foreign maxims? The *debate is perennial, most recent*ly chiming with a discussion on whether lawyers' wigs, tabs and robes are to be discarded. The higher the judicial level, the *deeper the consideration of the* problem.

The present Lord Slynn of Hadley, while presiding over the Employment Appeal Tribunal, gave an example of purging by suggesting that a modern rendition of *Ex turpi causa non oritur actio* should be "The dirty dog gets no dinner here". So a helpful glossary of Latin tags and sayings and their modern-day equivalents might read:

- ● *In pari delicto potior est defendentis* could be rendered as "When choosing between two dirty dogs, the defendant has the upper hand (or paw)".
- ● *Vigilantibus non dormientibus aequitas subvenit* — "Equity does not help sleeping dogs".
- ● *Qui primus in tempore primus in jure* — "First come, first served".
- ● *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?* — "Doctor, heal yourself" or "Lawyer, make your own will".
- ● *Mea culpa or Peccavi* — "It's *down to me*" or "It's a fair cop".
- ● *Timeo Danaos dona ferentes* — "There is no such thing as a free lunch".
- ● *Amor vincit omnia* is obviously "All you need is love".
- ● *Damnum sine injuria* — "A paper (or academic) judgment" or even "a pyrrhic victory".
- ● *Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus* — "Once a liar, always a liar".
- ● *Non compos mentis* could be "not all there in the upper storey", "out to lunch", "a screw loose" or to be pc, "intellectually disadvantaged".
- ● *O tempora O mores* brings to mind Laurel and Hardy as "What a fine mess you've gotten us into".
- ● A modern *version of Pax vobiscum* would be "Cheers".
- ● *Quod erat demonstrandum. could refer to the hokey-cokey* as "That's what it's all about".
- ● *Quot homines tot sententiae* might be "Beware of juries" (or even of second opinions).
- ● *Rem acu tegigisti* for darts players could be "bull's eye"; for golfers "a hole in one".

At the end of the day (or of the case) it matters little whether or not a Latin tag has been invoked as long as justice is done with a simultaneous translation provided.

It would be a sad day if lawyers could no longer use Latin tags simply for want of a translation. My glossary is offered to avoid a future judge having to say: "No Latin please — We're English."

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RACING

Halling can take second International

By Julian Muscat

FOOLISH though it is to be emphatic in a closely knit contest, Halling looks sure to take plenty of beating in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York today. The five-year-old has been peerless over ten furlongs on turf for the last 18 months, and there is no shred of evidence to suggest he is on the wane.

Halling, who will have the assistance of Lanfranco Dettori in the attempt to land successive renewals of the Eclipse and International Stakes, is one of five group one winners in the field of six. The exception is Punishment, trained by Clive Brittain, who conjured one of the many shocks that litter the history of this race when saddling Terimon to victory five years ago. But Halling is not vulnerable to torrential downpours that alter the racing surface. Neither is he reliant on a strong pace, nor shackled by tactical demands.

The ground was fast when Halling won the International 12 months ago. However, he landed his second Eclipse victory on an easy surface last month. His strength is his versatility, as noted by Simon Crisford, racing manager to the Godolphin stable, which campaigns the horse.

"Looking at the race, not all the runners will be suited by the way it unfolds," Crisford said. "We are lucky because our horse can take the lead or drop off the pace a bit, as he did last year. It will be a hard race to win so we'll be grateful for any edge."

Of Halling's opponents, Crisford said: "You could fancy any one of them. Spectrum cannot be dismissed if back to his Champion Stakes form. We respect Bijou D'Inde and Grape Tree Road is improving fast. But if I had to forecast one alongside ours, it would be First Island, not on his Sussex Stakes victory but on his win over this distance in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot. The form is solid."

Bijou D'Inde, who pushed Halling all the way in the Eclipse Stakes, should have the fast surface on which he collared Ashkalani at Royal Ascot. The worry is that he may have to make his own running, while Spectrum, outstanding at his best, is only so disposed when the ground is forgiving.

Although Grape Tree Road mastered Glory Of Dancer in the Grand Prix de Paris, that was hardly a vintage collection of middle-distance three-year-olds. First Island, by contrast, has progressed rapidly since winning a handicap at this course three months ago. However, his smooth victory in the Sussex Stakes was slightly tarnished when the runner-up, Charnwood Forest, was comprehensively outpointed in the Prix Jacques le Marois last week.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LIEFLING
(2.35 York)
Next best: In Command
(2.05 York)

Quality menu draws gourmets to York

JULIAN MUSCAT

On a racecourse with a winning recipe

The month of August is significant in many walks of life. It embraces the Glorious Twelfth, summer holidays and a new football season. In racing, however, August is synonymous with the three-day Ebor meeting at York, which opens today on the Knavesmire.

No other fixture punctuates top-class sport with such a sense of informal decorum. Each day is programmed around a championship event, although such prizes pale against the Tote Ebor Handicap, a blood-and-thunder charge over 1¾ miles.

Tell them that York is the Royal Ascot of the north and you are firmly but politely informed that Royal Ascot is the York of the south. A more accurate summation can be gleaned from the identity of personnel. Until recently, Ascot was the domain of Col Sir Piers Bengough, KCVO, OBE. At York, the man in charge is John Smith.

The Royal racecourse is back in favour after relaxing its militaristic grip. Further north, they have never strayed from a philosophy even older than the famous city walls. Smith, who celebrates his tenth season as manager/secretary and clerk of the course, decrees that value for money was the prime concern long before his arrival. It is manifest in everything from corporate hospitality rates to the price of a pint.

"Two things ingrained in Yorkshire folk are a love of racing and the price of entertainment," Smith said. "Every racecourse executive can remember the heady days, six or seven years ago, when a lot of money was being spent on the corporate side. Our policy has never been to make a fortune from corporate tents. The fact that we didn't go berserk meant that many people who came for the first time stayed loyal. Our attendances dropped in the harder times, but not significantly."

In many ways, the workings of York racecourse make the perfect model. It sits on public land, is owned by the city of York and run by the York Race Committee, a self-electing, non profit-making venture which ploughs monies straight back into the racecourse. One might consider the five-man committee, with its old-school members, something of an anachronism. Yet it has nurtured and developed the racecourse with rare flair.

Smith's primary relationship with the committee is to implement policy but his influence extends far beyond following a set of guidelines. "I do have a free rein. We are very much told to get on with the job." Asked why it works so effectively, he said: "I suppose it all comes down from the top. There is an excellent relationship among everyone working here. We are driven by the fact that we are all proud of our racecourse."

As much was evident from a visit to the track last week. An oasis of tranquillity, it boasts well-tended lawns and hundreds of overflowing flower baskets, all sown within the grounds of an award-winning private nursery. It is a wonder they allow anyone through the gates.

Even the rigours of a major building project, recently completed, failed to dampen the spirit of racegoers. The Knavesmire Stand, in the Tattersalls enclosure, has been hailed as the finest of its kind, offering facilities the envy of Members' Enclosures elsewhere. It brought to fruition a seven-year overhaul of the grandstands. Now follows a period of consolidation, when the racecourse must repay interest-free loans of £6¼ million by 2003.

A decision to stage superior racing has seen York forsake the bandwagon of evening and Sunday meetings. Of its 15 fixtures, 13 are covered by Channel 4, a significant carrot with which to attract sponsorship.

Perhaps the beauty of York is that it has no need to offer its wares on the financial altar. Its aim is to serve high quality racing in style, rather than when attendances will be favourable irrespective of the fare. In this way, the racecourse guarantees the standard of racing to the people of York. Were it that other venues chose to stage racing as selectively.

JOHN HOULIHAN

Smith takes a break from preparing York racecourse for the three-day Ebor meeting, which begins on the Knavesmire this afternoon

YORK

THUNDERER

2.05 In Command
2.35 Yom Jameel
3.10 Halling
3.45 Even Top
4.15 DOUBLE SPLENDOUR (nap)
4.45 Grey Shot
5.15 Demolition Man

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 WILAWANDER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Liefling. 3.10 HALLING (nap).

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2.05 DEPLOY ACOMB CONDITIONS STAKES

C4

(2-Y-O: £13,488: 6f 214yd) (7 runners)

101	(3)	1	IN COMMAND 20 (F) (M Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	[illegible]
102	(7)	1	REVOQUE 24 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	98
103	(5)	41	SHADOW LEAD 26 (F) (H Chung) L Cumani 9-0	L Dettori	90
104	(4)	6	DRIVE ASSURED 60 (P Head) C Brittain 8-10	B Doyle	—
105	(1)		GET THE POINT (J Bagg) R Hollinshead 8-10	M J Kinane	—
106	(6)	55	OUT OF SIGHT 15 (D Allen) B McMahon 8-10	G Carter	78
107	(2)	3	SYMONDS INN 12 (Marquesa de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 8-10	K Fallon	67

BETTING: 6-4 In Command, 2-1 Revoque, 9-2 Shadow Lead, 8-1 Symonds Inn, 12-1 Out Of Sight, 14-1 Drive Assured, 20-1 Get The Point.

1995: BIJOU D'INDE 8-10 D Holland (11-4) M Johnston 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

IN COMMAND beat Mile High ½l in 8-runner maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) REVOQUE beat Shii-Take ½l in 9-runner maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm). SHADOW LEAD beat Gablesea 1l in 5-runner maiden auction at Chepstow (6f, good to firm) DRIVE ASSURED 9l 6th of 9 to Makhbar in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). GET THE POINT (foaled Apr 9; cost 60,000gns) Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to four winners including (at 1m) Unreal City; dam top-class juvenile and 1000 Guineas runner-up SYMONDS INN 7l 3rd of 13 to Irish Accord in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good to firm).

Selection: SHADOW LEAD

2.35 MELROSE RATED HANDICAP

C4

(3-Y-O: £16,657: 1m 5f 194yd) (10 runners)

201	(8)	0124	YOM JAMEEL 72 (F) (A Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-7	W R Swinburn	89
202	(5)	4-42241	WILAWANDER 27 (D,S) (M Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-7	M Hills	[illegible]
203	(7)	2-02130	PRIVATE SONG 51 (G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-2	Pat Eddery	97
204	(2)	3212-60	WARBROOK 61 (F) (J Smith) I Balding 8-12	T Quinn	90
205	(9)	6-321	FANCY HEIGHTS 10 (D,F) (M Al Maktoum) Lady Herries 8-9	J Reid	97
206	(3)	623222	MENTAL PRESSURE 19 (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-8	K Darley	95
207	(1)	033135	BOWLED OVER 45 (V,C,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-8	K Fallon	92
208	(10)	06511	BERLIN BLUE 30 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-7	L Dettori	90
209	(4)	0-51	LIEFLING 18 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-4	J Carroll	91
210	(6)	134	JAZZ KING 19 (F) (Whitcombe Manor) Miss G Kelleway 8-4	W Carson	93

Long handicap: Liefling 8-3. Jazz King 8-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Private Song, 4-1 Berlin Blue, 6-1 Liefling, 13-2 Wilawander, 8-1 Fancy Heights, Mental Pressure, Jazz King, 9-1 Yom Jameel, 12-1 others.

1995: SALEEL 8-12 M Roberts (4-1) A Stewart 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WILAWANDER 1½l 4th to Gordi in Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot (2m, good to firm). PRIVATE SONG 16l 8th to Zagreb in Irish Derby at the Curragh (1m 4l, good). FANCY HEIGHTS beat Deano's Beeno head in handicap at Haydock (1¾m, good to firm). MENTAL PRESSURE 1¾l 2nd to Benatom in handicap at Goodwood (1¾m, good to firm) with JAZZ KING (1lb better) 2½l 4th. BERLIN BLUE beat Orinoco River 1l in handicap at Ayr (1m 7l, good to firm). LIEFLING beat Moon Mischief 3l in maiden at Ascot (1m 4l, good to firm)

Selection: FANCY HEIGHTS

3.10 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES

C4

(Group I: £165,548: 1m 2f 85yd) (6 runners)

301	(4)	135111	FIRST ISLAND 20 (C,D,F,G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 4-9-5	M Hills	98
302	(1)	10-1011	HALLING 45 (CD,F,G,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 5-9-5	L Dettori	[illegible]
303	(2)	5-42406	PUNISHMENT 42 (D,G,S) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-9-5	B Doyle	82
304	(6)	1021-43	SPECTRUM 94 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-5	J Reid	90
305	(5)	15-3412	BIJOU D'INDE 45 (C,F,G) (J Morrison) M Johnston 3-8-11	J Weaver	98
306	(3)	15-4101	GRAPE TREE ROAD 58 (D,F,G) (M Tabor) A Fabre (Fr) 3-8-11	T Jarnet	92

BETTING: 2-1 Halling, 9-4 First Island, 11-4 Bijou d'Inde, 6-1 Spectrum, 8-1 Grape Tree Road, 66-1 Punishment.

1995: HALLING 4-9-6 W R Swinburn (9-4 fav) S bin Suroor 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIRST ISLAND beat Charnwood Forest 1l in Sussex Stakes at Goodwood (1m, good to firm) HALLING beat BIJOU D'INDE neck in Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown (1m 2l, good to soft) SPECTRUM beat Riyadian 2l in Champion Stakes at Newmarket last season (1m 2l, good to firm) GRAPE TREE ROAD beat Glory of Dancer short-head in group I Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp (1m 2l, good to firm)

Selection: HALLING (nap)

YORK COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S bin Suroor, 6 winners from 9 runners, 66.7%; R Charlton, 12 from 41, 29.3%; H Cecil, 27 from 98, 27.6%; D Morley, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Gosden, 26 from 108, 24.1%; P Cole, 18 from 87, 20.7%

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 39 winners from 172 rides, 22.7%; M Kinane, 15 from 69, 21.7%; Pat Eddery, 41 from 210, 19.5%; W Carson, 36 from 213, 16.9%; W Swinburn, 19 from 148, 12.8%; J Reid, 18 from 160, 11.3%

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3.45 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES

C4

(Group II: 3-Y-O colts and geldings: £48,451: 1m 3f 195yd) (6 runners)

401	(4)	6-52341	DANKESTON 30 (F) (L Gaucci) M Bell 8-9	W Carson	88
402	(2)	1-1224	DUSHYANTOR 51 (D,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9	Pat Eddery	93
403	(1)	1212-20	EVEN TOP 73 (G) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 8-9	P Robinson	[illegible]
404	(3)	1166	FARASAN 24 (F,G) (A Faisal) H Cecil 8-9	K Fallon	85
405	(5)	2113-34	MONS 21 (F,G) (Mrs E Vestey) L Cumani 8-9	L Dettori	92
406	(6)	11	ROYAL COURT 45 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	J Reid	94

BETTING: 9-4 Dushyantor, 11-4 Even Top, 7-2 Royal Court, 5-1 Dankeston, 6-1 Farasan, 8-1 Mons.

1995: PENTIRE 8-12 M Hills (4-5 fav) G Wragg 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANKESTON beat Sir Warren nose in group III at Frankfurt (1m 3l, good to firm). DUSHYANTOR 1¼l 2nd to Shaamit in group I Vodafone Derby at Epsom (1m 4l, good) on penultimate start. EVEN TOP short-head 2nd of 13 to Mark Of Esteem in 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. FARASAN 2½l 4th (later demoted) to Grape Tree Road in Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp (1m 2l, good to firm) on penultimate start. MONS ¾l 4th of 12 to St Mawes in group III Gordon Stakes at Goodwood (1m 4l, good to firm) ROYAL COURT beat Shantou 3½l in listed race at Haydock (1m 4l, good).

Selection: EVEN TOP

4.15 EAGLE LANE HANDICAP (£14,840: 6f) (22 runners)

C4

501	(16)	481104	CYRANO'S LAD 5 (CD,F,G) (M Fouger) C Dwyer 7-9-10	W R Swinburn	[illegible]
502	(10)	16-5204	APRIL THE EIGHTH 47 (D,F) (M Siu) B Hills 3-9-9	M Hills	80
503	(18)	145221	DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 38 (CD,F,G,S) (Yorkshire RC) P Felgate 6-9-6	K Darley	92
504	(7)	61-0312	DOUBLE BOUNCE 17 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) P Makin 6-9-5	L Dettori	92
505	(2)	0/0460-	SNIPE HALL 482 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Watson) T Watson 5-9-4	O Pears (3)	80
506	(9)	020-156	SEIGNEURIAL 94 (D,G) (PBT Group) G Harwood 4-9-3	A Clark	89
507	(17)	450032	OPTIONS OPEN 3 (C,D,F,G) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-2	K Fallon	96
508	(14)	0-00000	SAINT EXPRESS 15 (C,D,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-1	A Culhane	87
509	(20)	205460	MARL 25 (G) (E Parker) R Akehurst 3-8-13	T Quinn	86
510	(21)	302122	TILER 15 (CD,BF,F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 4-8-12	J Weaver	91
511	(11)	031523	GOLDEN POUND 11 (D,BF,F) (A Griffin) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-12	Pat Eddery	91
512	(13)	203321	BENZOE 18 (CD,F,S) (T Fawcett) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-11	J Fortune	92
513	(8)	663345	SILENT EXPRESSION 10 (B,D,BF,F,G) (A Read) B Meehan 6-8-10	M J Kinane	90
514	(22)	130150	BOLLIN HARRY 10 (D,F,G) (N Westbrook) T Easterby 4-8-8	M Birch	87
515	(4)	000011	LORD OLIVIER 11 (D,F,G) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 6-8-7	J Reid	90
516	(19)	020130	MISTER JOLSON 20 (D,F,G,S) (B Froome) R Hodges 7-8-4	S Drowne	89
517	(6)	602122	NO MONKEY NUTS 12 (CD,BF,F) (Monkey Partners) J Berry 3-8-4	J Carroll	87
518	(15)	402121	ROYAL DOME 10 (C,F,G) (G Jones) M Wane 4-8-3	G Carter	94
519	(12)	423214	BAYIN 18 (D,F,G,S) (T Barker) M Usher 7-8-3	R Street	90
520	(5)	014254	STUFFED 52 (D,F) (Early Morning Breakfast) M W Easterby 4-8-0	Dale Gibson	90
521	(3)	112122	MAITEAMIA 43 (V,D,BF,G,S) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 3-7-12	J Quinn	88
522	(1)	204140	THE WAD 6 (D,F,G) (W Kelly) D Nicholls 3-7-10	L Charnock	89

Long handicap: The Wad 7-9

BETTING: 5-1 Double Bounce, 6-1 Double Splendour, 10-1 Options Open, 11-1 Tiler, Lord Olivier, 12-1 Benzoe, Golden Pound, 14-1 Cyrano's Lad, 16-1 others

1995: TILER 3-8-5 D Holland (20-1) M Johnston 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE SPLENDOUR beat BAYIN (7lb better off) 3l in 18-runner handicap over course and distance (good) with BENZOE (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd. DOUBLE BOUNCE beat DOUBLE SPLENDOUR (5lb worse off) neck in 13-runner handicap at Newcastle (6f, firm) on penultimate start. OPTIONS OPEN 2l 2nd of 17 to Samwar in handicap at Ripon (6f, good). TILER 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Bollin Joanne in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm). LORD OLIVIER completed double, beat Panther ½l in 7-runner claimer at Haydock (6f, good to firm). ROYAL DOME beat Sing With The Band head in 21-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, good to firm)

Selection: DOUBLE BOUNCE

4.45 LONSDALE STAKES

(Listed race: £19,014: 1m 7f 195yd) (7 runners)

601	(2)	11-2451	GREY SHOT 19 (D,F,S) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-8	L Dettori	95
602	(7)	3-01211	CELERIC 38 (C,D,F,G) (C Spence) D Morley 4-9-4	W Carson	94
603	(4)	532-334	ALWAYS ALOOF 61 (D,F,G) (S Hanson) M Stoute 5-9-1	M J Kinane	[illegible]
604	(5)	010360-	ANCHOR CLEVER 324 (F) (D Fedtoni) P Kelleway 4-9-1	J Reid	90
605	(6)	166-253	LATAHAAB 38 (D,F,S) (Ascot Partners) R Akehurst 5-9-1	T Quinn	87
606	(1)	14-1654	SANMARTINO 18 (C,F,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 4-9-1	M Hills	93
607	(3)	154011	BENATOM 19 (D,F,G) (T Harvey) H Cecil 3-8-1	A McGlone	91

BETTING: 7-4 Grey Shot, 3-1 Always Aloof, 7-2 Celeric, 5-1 Anchor Clever, 10-1 Sanmartino, 12-1 Benatom, 16-1 Latahaab

1995: DOUBLE ECLIPSE 3-8-0 T Williams (10-11 fav) M Johnston 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREY SHOT beat Lear White head in 7-runner group II Gerrard Goodwood Cup at Goodwood (2m, good to firm). Earlier head 2nd of 7 to Double Trigger in group III Insulpak Sagaro Stakes at Ascot (2m, good to firm) with ALWAYS ALOOF (7lb better off) 7l 3rd and SANMARTINO (7lb better off) 8¾l 5th.

CELERIC beat Kristal's Paradise 1¼l in 5-runner listed handicap here (1m 6f, good) with LATAHAAB (3lb worse off) ¾l 3rd.

ALWAYS ALOOF 6l 4th of 7 to Classic Cliche in group I Ascot Gold Cup (2m 4l, good to firm) with LATAHAAB ¾l 5th

ANCHOR CLEVER best effort last season, ½l 3rd of 6 to Affidavit in group II Prix Hubert du Chaudenay at Longchamp (1m 7f, good). SANMARTINO 8l 4th of 9 to Salmon Ladder in listed handicap at Goodwood (1m 4l, good to firm) BENATOM completed double, beat Mental Pressure 1¾l in 11-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, good to firm).

Selection: CELERIC

5.15 EGLINTON NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £11,550: 6f 214yd) (12 runners)

1	(1)	502143	BOLERO BOY 62 (G) (Sheriff Racing) M W Easterby 9-7	L Dettori	84
2	(11)	431	HAWAIT 15 (F) (M Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-1	M Hills	86
3	(9)	522	SHOUMATARA 16 (BF) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9	J Reid	95
4	(7)	412	DEMOLITION MAN 17 (G) (Mrs K Fritz) J Watts 8-8	K Darley	96
5	(3)	401	ZUGUDI 30 (F) (A Al Sabah) B Hanbury 8-6	M J Kinane	94
6	(12)	061	DICKIE BIRD 18 (D,F)(G Tee) R Hannon 8-5	Pat Eddery	89
7	(5)	3515	BURLINGTON HOUSE 73 (G) (R Green) P Cole 8-1	G Carter	98
8	(4)	082515	NINTH SYMPHONY 11 (D,F) (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 7-12	W Carson	97
9	(6)	441	CHEROKEE FLIGHT 25 (F) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 7-12	J F Egan	95
10	(2)	20621	CHARLTON SPRING 8 (G) (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-11 (6ex)	J Quinn	98
11	(10)	05013	PENSION FUND 6 (F) (S Curtis) M W Easterby 7-10	Dale Gibson	[illegible]
12	(8)	604114	ENCHANTING EVE 49 (G) (Mrs J Williams) C Allen 7-10	Martin Dwyer (5)	97

Long handicap: Enchanting Eve 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Hawait, 9-2 Demolition Man, 5-1 Dickie Bird, 7-1 Shoumatara, 8-1 Bolero Boy, 10-1 Zugudi, Cherokee Flight, 12-1 others.

1995: EVENING CHIME 8-3 K Fallon (12-1) Mrs J Ramsden 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAWAIT beat Curzon Street neck in 11-runner maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to firm) SHOUMATARA 2½l 2nd of 6 to Muntaone in maiden at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). DEMOLITION MAN 2½l 2nd of 8 to Miss Stamper in nursery at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). ZUGUDI beat Admonish 2l in 3-runner maiden at Yarmouth (6f, firm) DICKIE BIRD beat Zaretski 1¼l in 5-runner maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm) BURLINGTON HOUSE beat Flotilla 4l in 8-runner maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) on penultimate start. NINTH SYMPHONY beat Dowry 1l in 12-runner nursery at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHEROKEE FLIGHT beat Toronto head in 9-runner maiden at Nottingham (5f, good to firm) CHARLTON SPRING beat Perfect Bliss neck in 12-runner nursery at Windsor (6f, good).

Selection: SHOUMATARA

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2.20 SMARDEN SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 189yd) (9 runners)

1	(1)	540	CHOPIN 13 R Johnson Houghton 8-11	Barry Smith (7)	96
2	(3)	4310	DASHING ROCKSVILLE 6 (D,F,G) M Channon 8-11	R Hughes	[illegible]
3	(8)	2514	GINNY WOSSERNAME 27 (B,D,G) W G M Turner 8-11	D Sweeney (7)	89
4	(4)	5302	GROVEFAIR LAD 3 B Meehan 8-11	M Tebbutt	93
5	(7)	4825	SPONDULICKS 6 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	98
6	(5)	0	HEAVENLY DANCER 8 M Prescott 8-6	G Duffield	89
7	(6)	00	MS ZIMAN 19 M Bell 8-6	M Fenton	97
8	(9)	004	PRINCESS OF HEARTS 48 W Haggas 8-6	R McGhin	90
9	(3)	0	WOODLAND DOVE 33 K Wingrove 8-6	P McCabe (3)	—

3-1 Spondulicks, 7-2 Dashing Rocksville, Grovefair Lad, 6-1 Ginny Wossername, Princess Of Hearts, Heavenly Dancer, 8-1 others

2.50 JOHN McCARTHY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,743: 6f 189yd) (8)

1	(7)	3	BEACONSCOT 35 D Loder 8-11	D R McCabe	[illegible]
2	(2)	40	CHAIRMANS DAUGHTER 6 P Cole 8-11	C Rutter	85
3	(6)		CONTROL FREAK A Foster 8-11	J D Smith (5)	—
4	(4)		COWTHAREE M Stoute 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
5	(3)		EPSILON C Brittain 8-11	S Sanders	—
6	(5)	06	HADAWAH 36 J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake	97
7	(8)		MUTRIBAH H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	—
8	(1)		THE IN-LAWS M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	—

2-1 Cowtharee, 9-4 Beaconscot, 4-1 Mutribah, 6-1 Hadawah, 8-1 Epsilon, The In-Laws, 10-1 others

3.25 WEATHERBYS STALLION BOOK HANDICAP

(£3,343: 1m 4f) (6)

1	(5)	2616	GREENWICH AGAIN 22 (D,BF,F,G) T Mills 4-9-10	R Hills	95
2	(1)	3001	CLASSIC BEAUTY 6 (F) R Harris 3-9-5 (5ex)	A Mackay	93
3	(6)	3061	RISING SPRAY 4 (CD,F) C Horgan 5-8-13 (5ex)	Paul Eddery	[illegible]
4	(2)	0151	ZELIBA 14 (D,F) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-4	T Sprake	89
5	(3)	5404	ROCQUAINE BAY 6 (D,F,G) M Bolton 9-8-4	Dane O'Neill	92
6	(4)	/00-	ARAMON 853 M Haynes 6-7-10	N Adams	—

9-4 Rocquaine Bay, 11-4 Rising Spray, 3-1 Classic Beauty, 5-1 Greenwich Again, 6-1 Zeliba, 25-1 Aramon

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4.00 GRAFTY GREEN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,381: 6f) (7)

1	(4)	65/4	NAKAMI 19 P Makin 4-9-3	S Sanders	86
2	(2)	00	CANE THEM 19 T Naughton 3-9-0	T Sprake	—
3	(5)	24	FAILED TO HIT 11 M Prescott 3-9-0	G Duffield	75
4	(3)	0-0	ONE DREAM 19 B Smart 3-9-0	M Tebbutt	—
5	(7)	0020	SHAVINSKY 29 P Howling 3-9-0	Paul Eddery	[illegible]
6	(6)	30-	IL DORIA 311 A Hide 3-8-9	R Hills	94
7	(1)	0	SWEET SEVENTEEN 27 H Collingridge 3-8-9	M Rimmer	—

7-4 Nakami, 5-2 Failed To Hit, 11-4 Shavinsky, 10-1 One Dream, 12-1 Sweet Seventeen, 16-1 Il Doria, 20-1 Cane Them.

4.30 HIGH HALDEN LIMITED STAKES

(£2,381: 6f) (5)

1	(2)	2022	SCISSOR RIDGE 4 (D,BF,G) J Bridger 4-9-3	D Harrison	97
2	(3)	0530	DON PEPE 14 (D,F,G) R Boss 5-9-0	G Duffield	[illegible]
3	(5)	0-36	FACE THE FUTURE 120 (D,S) V Soane 7-9-0	S Sanders	91
4	(1)	5624	WADERS DREAM 4 (V,D,F) Pat Mitchell 7-9-0	M Fenton	90
5	(4)	4002	SCATHEBURY 8 (V,D,G) K Burke 3-8-11	Paul Eddery	93

2-1 Scissor Ridge, 3-1 Don Pepe, Scathebury, 5-1 Face The Future, Waders Dream

5.00 PAUL COOK APPRENTICE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,762: 2m 93yd) (8)

1	(7)	0120	ONE POUND 43 (BF,F) B Hills 9-7	J D Smith	96
2	(2)	0135	CANDLE SMOKE 6 (C,F) G Harwood 9-3	Gaye Harwood (5)	[illegible]
3	(8)	0513	JAMAICAN FLIGHT 13 (D,F) J Hills 9-1	M Henry	96
4	(4)	0226	GO WITH THE WIND 18 M Bell 9-0	G Faulkner (5)	96
5	(1)	2122	INFLUENCE PEDLER 24 (F) C Brittain 9-0	Aimee Cook (3)	95
6	(3)	2534	PERFECT GIFT 12 P Cole 8-8	David O'Neill (7)	95
7	(5)	0563	MEG'S MEMORY 12 (G) John Berry 8-7	P McCabe	85
8	(6)	4200	GLOWING REEDS 24 (V) C Allen 7-10	R Mullen (5)	92

3-1 Candle Smoke, 7-2 Influence Pedler, 9-2 Jamaican Flight, 5-1 Go With The Wind, 6-1 One Pound, Meg's Memory, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 16 winners from 50 runners, 32.0%; M Stoute, 5 from 16, 31.3%; C Horgan, 5 from 20, 25.0%; G Harwood, 8 from 37, 21.6%; M Prescott, 10 from 48, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Rimmer, 7 winners from 27 rides, 25.9%; Dane O'Neill, 8 from 40, 20.0%; Paul Eddery, 19 from 96, 19.8%; G Duffield, 20 from 111, 18.0%; T Sprake, 9 from 55, 16.4%; R Hughes, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

Ambassador eyes Ebor

BARRY HILLS yesterday confirmed Ambassador a likely runner in tomorrow's Tote Ebor Handicap at York. Doubts surrounded the participation of the three-year-old but a spokeswoman for the stable said: "The plan is to run Ambassador in the Ebor and Willie Carson rides."

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In Command to dominate

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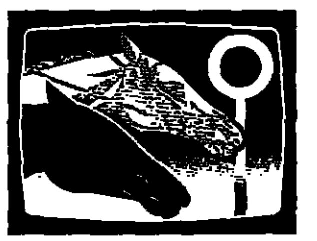

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.05: **In Command** was heavily backed on his debut at Glorious Goodwood and justified the gamble in style. The half-brother to Lyric Fantasy and Royal Applause had only to be nudged along inside the final furlong to beat Mile High. Orontes, five lengths away in third, has since boosted the form by winning at Sandown. Revoque beat Shii-Take in an Ascot maiden and is the main threat.

2.35: Private Song, a fine second to Samraan at Royal Ascot before acting as pacemaker in the Irish Derby, is the form choice, but he can get worked up before his races. The lightly raced Jazz King could reverse Goodwood form with Mental Pressure, who remains a maiden. However, John Gosden has his string in top form and **Liefling** carries considerable stable confidence on her handicap debut. She looked a potentially useful stayer when beating Moon Mischief at Ascot 18 days ago and this longer trip can bring further improvment.

3.10: see above.

3.45: Mons and Royal Court are the two that interest me. Mons, winner of the Royal Lodge Stakes last season, ran well behind St Mawes in the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood after a three-month absence and should be better suited by this galloping track. He will appreciate further in time and his best form is with some give in the ground.

Royal Court looked an exciting prospect when winning both starts impressively and the Sadler's Wells colt can improve again to beat some early season classic aspirants. Dushyantor tends to get outpaced at a crucial stage but Even Top, runner-up in the 2,000 Guineas before disappointing in the Derby, is a bigger threat, especially as Mark Tompkins has his horses in fine fettle.

4.15: A low draw is usually preferable over the sprint course, but many of the fancied horses are drawn high. **Double Bounce** is weighted to confirm Newcastle form in June with Double Splendour, although Paul Felgate's sprinter has since put up his best performance when winning from a low draw here last month. In a tricky race, Bollin Harry and Stuffed deserve favourable mention, along with Seigneurial, who goes well fresh.

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Acfield blueprint puts pressure on county die-hards

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE stated anxiety of the county clubs to help to improve their shop-window product, the national team, will come under searching examination at Lord's today when the recommendations of the Acfield working party are put before the summer meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board.

There is more at stake here than the energy and resources put into yet another working party; the issue is credibility. If the broad administration of the English game, in effect the county chairmen, reject these heavily researched proposals, as has happened with depressing frequency in the past, the rest of the cricket world will justifiably hoot with derision.

It is not as if the report, presented by David Acfield and his four selected consultants, is especially revolutionary. Within a narrow brief, confined to the selection, management and coaching of England teams, it seeks chiefly to streamline by the creation, or more accurately re-creation, of an England committee.

This, however, takes certain counties into areas of past conflict, for it was only three years ago that an England committee, operating along similar lines to those that Acfield proposes now, was quietly disbanded after the unceremoniously forced departure of its chairman, Ted Dexter, whose ways, gradually securing a more realistic emphasis on England matters, did not suit those counties whose priorities began and ended with their own cloistered routines. What is more, Dexter was taking decisions without their approval, so he had to go. Will those counties exhibit a more enlightened, international view now that similar views are being put before them by a committee of their own making?

As a man with experience on both sides of this obstructive fence — he is also chairman of Essex — Acfield has taken the prudent step of sub-dividing his proposals. "I would hate us to have the baby thrown out with the bathwater and, this way, if there is one item with which the delegates simply cannot agree, we do not risk having the entire project wasted," Acfield said.

Acfield is already aware of some opposition. Raymond Illingworth, seeing out the final weeks of his time as chairman of selectors, is irked at being marginalised during the process and dismisses the findings of the report as "a return to too many committees and red tape". But, after a trying summer personally, and one that has seen a general withdrawal from the principle of the supremo he so briefly became, he would, wouldn't he?

An awful lot of bunkum has been talked about Acfield's committee structure, which in essence varies little from the existing groups apart from bringing them under a more appropriate and independent umbrella. Sensibly, his committee believes that all England appointments — including captain, coach and selectors — should henceforth be made by this specialist, nine-man committee rather than subjecting them to the full Board, which is at best unwieldy and at worst parochial.

The most significant threat to the report will be the instinctive opposition of the counties towards the recommendation that Illingworth's successor should have the authority to withdraw any player from a county match if it was deemed to be in the best interests of an England team. Acfield, cleverly, tables this motion last, by which time he hopes the main planks of his report will have been adopted.

Item one is the institution of an England management committee. If this brings dissent, the remainder of the proposals can be forgotten. Item two is the constitution of the committee and then comes its powers of appointment and selection. Only then will the meeting discuss the contractual arrangements of officers — including a salary for the chairman of selectors — and the thorny matter of the national interest taking due priority over county cricket.

One thing is for sure. If the report is not adopted, with an acknowledgement that the changed profile of the international game creates rewards through the structure, then the widespread funding awards for junior cricket, announced yesterday by the Cricket Foundation, will be short-lived.

The foundation was able to devote £2.2 million, divided judiciously among all 38 first-class and Minor Counties, towards developing young cricketers of better quality. The source of the money was television income, which is entirely dependent upon the successful presentation of Test and international cricket. Perhaps it was a timely prompt.

CRICKET

Pace attack waste no time in taking Derbyshire to top

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

DERBY (final day of four): Derbyshire (23pts) bt Nottinghamshire (7) by 303 runs

WITH a knick-knack-paddywhack, Derbyshire went top of the championship. Devon Malcolm and Phillip DeFreitas needed only 50 minutes yesterday morning to complete this neighbourly rout, and the players now have nine days off — a "threequarter-term" of sorts — to prepare for the final phase of a season that could yet turn out to be glorious.

They have won the championship just once, in 1936, but Dean Jones will tell his players that, having won their past three matches and six of the past eight, there is no earthly reason why they cannot surprise everybody, and win it again. Before he left for a brief family holiday in Spain, he spelt out his hopes in plain language. "You must forget about what you have done, and concentrate on what you can do," he said. "Now is the time to do it."

This was the second time this season that Derbyshire have won by more than 300 runs, and with two of their remaining four matches at Derby, and another at Chesterfield, they could not ask for more helpful circumstances. Moreover, they can welcome back their promising young swing bowler, Andrew Harris, when Dominic Cork goes off to play for England in the Texaco Trophy one-day matches.

The measure of their success in this match can partly be gauged by Cork's inability to take a wicket. Indeed, he was not even required to bowl in the second innings, so successful were Malcolm, who took five wickets for the sixth time this year, and DeFreitas, whose nine wickets represented his best effort for the county.

England may feel they can do without Malcolm; to Derbyshire he is indispensable in his present form. He has taken 68 first-class wickets, 38 of them in the past five games, and has earned the respect of Jones. "He has a lot of pride," the captain said. "It takes courage to come back like he has." This, an allusion to the the war of words between Malcolm and Raymond Illingworth.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Derbyshire (14)	13	7	2	4	41	43	208
Kent (18)	13	7	1	5	39	40	206
Surrey (12)	12	6	1	5	37	44	192
Leics (7)	12	6	1	5	39	41	191
Essex (5)	12	6	2	4	41	39	188
Yorkshire (8)	13	6	5	2	37	42	181
Warwicks (1)	12	6	4	2	29	39	170
Middlesex (2)	13	5	5	3	26	45	160
Sussex (15)	12	5	5	2	23	39	148
Somerset (9)	12	4	5	3	25	45	143
Worcs (10)	12	3	3	6	32	44	142
Glamorgan (16)	12	4	5	3	36	30	139
Hampshire (13)	12	3	5	4	28	42	130
Gloucs (6)	13	3	5	5	17	46	126
Lancashire (4)	12	1	4	7	35	35	107
Notts (11)	12	1	6	5	30	39	100
Northants (3)	12	1	6	5	26	39	96
Durham (17)	13	0	9	4	19	48	79

(Last season's positions in brackets)

"I am not getting carried away," Jones said. "A lot of the guys are feeling tired and I hope that when we meet up again they will have recharged their batteries. I'm off to Spain, Les [Stillman, the coach] is going to Greece for a few days and some of the others are having time off. I hope we will be nice and fresh for the last 25 days of the season."

If they were tired, they chose a funny way of showing it. Jones, Barnett and Adams each made a hundred in this match, Cork made 97 and Malcolm and DeFreitas took five-wicket hauls. There was also some fine catching, the sort that wins matches and contributes to the morale of the side.

"Everybody has played a part in winning games for us, which is a sign of a good team," Jones said. The Victorian has played a signal part himself, geeing up the dressing-room and finding qualities in DeFreitas, his vice-captain, that were not obvious to others. His new nickname, apparently, is Freud (for his new-found insights), although interpreting the dreams of men such as Krikken, the noisy wicketkeeper, would surely have puzzled even the Viennese doctor.

Krikken, everybody agrees, is keeping well enough to warrant an official look but, Derbyshire being an "unfashionable" club, their players are not scrutinised as conscientiously as they might be. Adams, who has made five centuries this season, and Harris should certainly be going on the A tour to Australia this winter, points they will be keen to underline in the games that remain.

The first is against Worcestershire at the glorious Queen's Park ground in Chesterfield, where the pitch, once a notorious flier, is not as fast as it used to be. They then play Somerset at Taunton before finishing their season at home to Warwickshire and, as they would like it, Durham. The weather, Jones said, was the key.

Nottinghamshire, resuming on 72 for four yesterday, with Pollard injured after being battered by Malcolm on Saturday night, went down to their fifth successive defeat without much of a fight. They bowled well on the first day but overall their cricket lacks colour and spirit.

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TONY WHITE

Lathwell hooks a ball from Wren on his way to 81 at Canterbury yesterday

McCague keeps Kent's title chase on course

BY IVO TENNANT

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (21pts) beat Somerset (5) by 62 runs

THE contesting of the county championship, like the competition for the captaincy at Canterbury, is becoming an increasingly fascinating spectacle. Trevor Ward, the senior professional, yesterday led Kent to within two points of the new leaders, Derbyshire, furthering his own cause in the process. Somerset, whom he left to score 340, were bowled out with seven overs remaining.

Kent have been at or near the top of the table for some weeks now. Indeed, had the final day of their match against Derbyshire not been washed out at the end of last month, they would probably have a reasonable lead. For the moment, no one side can escape from the cluster of leading counties, and that must be good for the game.

Somerset had not even averted the follow-on when they gamely declared 227 behind at the start of play. They then gave Kent some easy runs, 92 off 13 overs to be exact. Yet the challenge they were set was a fair one. Lathwell and Ecclestone were up to it, making 81 and 56 respectively, but few others were. Theirs is a side lacking in self-belief.

For Lathwell, decent form has been elusive. He has made just one century this season, and that was not in the championship. He was not at his free-scoring best here — he has not been since he was soured by playing Test cricket against Australia — but he was quick to make the most of anything short or overpitched.

Nobody stayed with him for long, even though the pitch gave as little assistance to any bowler as it had over the first three days. This square really is much in need of some additional pace. The batsmen had to be prised out — or at least those who did not give their wickets away. On the hottest day of the year, no bowler ran in more purposefully than McCague.

His four wickets came in his second spell. Headley had Trescothick caught at first slip in his opening over and, in his last before tea, bowled Lathwell and had Lee leg-before first ball with an intelligent yorker. This was when the match was effectively won, for the Australia all-rounder had shown the previous afternoon the kind of form that he has been in all season.

Lathwell, who faced 180 balls and struck 14 fours, might well have been disconcerted by his previous ball, a short one that followed him. Headley is capable of coming up with as sharp a bouncer as anybody. His next ball was on or around off stump and Lathwell, evidently and mistakenly, reckoned it would bounce sufficiently to clear it.

Kent did have some fortune. Bowler, having made 32 in his obdurate way, aimed a cut at Hooper which went, via the bottom edge and the wicketkeeper's left pad, to leg slip. It was a curious dismissal. The rest were more conventional, not least when Harden was caught at silly point off Llong's little-used off spin.

Warwickshire kept alive their hopes of retaining the championship with a two-wicket victory over Glamorgan at Edgbaston. Needing only 136 for their sixth win of the season, they slumped to 113 for eight before Dougie Brown (26 not out) and Ashley Giles (10 not out) put on 23 in six, nerve-racking overs.

McCague's return after tea was the salient moment. If any bowler could work up some pace on this bland pitch, it was him. His first ball, however, looked to be a loosener. Parsons, checking his shot, was well held at mid-on by a diving Ward. Next, Turner was leg before to a ball of full length. Kerr had his middle stump taken out and Rose was yorked. McCague's second spell was one of four for 14. Kent's crowd acknowledged him as rapturously as did Walker, who was on the field throughout the match. They know that their remaining fixtures are less onerous than those of Derbyshire.

Solanki strikes vital blows

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (9pts) drew with Worcestershire (11)

AFTER much careful manoeuvring and a declaration by Tom Moody which left Middlesex to score 251 from 49 overs, Phil Tufnell, batting hero of the first innings, found himself trudging out to the middle with two balls to face, ten runs to win and nine wickets down.

It was too tall an order even for our *Boy's Own* character, but with the last two balls successfully negotiated, at least Worcestershire were denied.

At varying stages in this extraordinary day's cricket, no such exciting climax appeared likely. Both teams were cagey to start with and Tufnell, bowling his left-arm slows into the rough outside the right hander's leg stump, was economical but seldom penetrating.

With Worcestershire resuming at 89 for four and a lot resting on his shoulders, Tim Curtis was not to be tempted into indiscretion as he saw them out of immediate danger and within sight of a declaration.

With Tufnell and Weekes bowling almost throughout, Middlesex shot through their overs so fast that Moody was left with enough elbow room to set a target.

No praise could be too high for Curtis, whose century, spread over nearly 5½ hours, had kept Worcestershire's head above water. Though restricted by Tufnell, he found Weekes greatly to his liking and, with bright little innings from Solanki and Lampitt in support, saw to it that his team regained the initiative.

Solanki, with his off breaks, also played an important part in the final act. But first the stage was captured by Pooley and Weekes. The two left-handers played with such gusto that they put on exactly 100 for the first Middlesex wicket at four runs an over.

Only 151 runs to win, 23 overs left and a Middlesex line-up adept at chasing runs. The odds were in their favour.

After Weekes had been bowled by Hick, however, Solanki set out on the path which was to give him his career-best return of five for 69. He bowled Ramprakash and Gatting with successive balls, which proved crucial moments in the game.

For, although Pooley went on to make 87 from 105 balls, and Brown and Johnson laid about them — Johnson's 28 came from 14 balls with three sixes — Middlesex were always tugging against the leash.

Waqar fully tuned up for Oval Test

BY PAT GIBSON

CHELMSFORD (final day of three): The Pakistanis beat Essex by 271 runs

IT WAS easy to tell that Mark Ilott is no longer in the England side when he walked down the pitch to shake the hand of Waqar Younis and congratulate him on the devastating yorker which had sent his middle stump cartwheeling several yards towards the wicketkeeper.

The England players who will have to face Waqar later this week would not have been so diverted by his return to his awesome best just in time for the final Test on the fastest pitch in the country.

It could be, of course, that they have heard that the powers that be are planning to douse some of Waqar's fire by slowing it down although, in that case, they would have been equally disturbed by the sight of Saqlain Mushtaq taking his haul to 29 wickets in his past four games. At 19 he can already claim to be the best off spinner in the world.

"This was the best thing that could have happened to us," Yawar Saeed, the urbane Pakistan manager, said happily after four centuries, by Inzamam-ul-Haq, Asif Mujtaba, Saeed Anwar and Salim Malik, and nine wickets apiece from Waqar and Saqlain had overcome Essex's feeble resistance, further weakened yesterday by the absence of the captain, Prichard, with a migraine.

"He bowled as fast as he has bowled for a long time and seems to be the original Waqar," Yawar said of his fast bowler.

"He has got his rhythm back and did not seem to be struggling in the last stride like he was doing earlier in the tour. He bowled brilliantly in both innings."

It was Waqar who had taken five for 42 in their first innings, and it was he who began Essex's inevitable slide to defeat, after the touring team's declaration at their overnight 277 for two had set them to score 390 in a minimum of 90 overs, when he had Hibberd caught behind down the leg side off his glove.

Robinson did manage to show that Waqar was not altogether unplayable by hitting eight fours in his second fifty of the match, but once he had become one of three victims in two overs for Saqlain, Essex had little left to offer and the last eight wickets went down for 32.

Waqar simply blew away what purported to be the middle order, leaving Saqlain to complete the job and give Pakistan another option for the Oval, where the chances are that they will stick with six batsmen and four bowlers, plus — England please note — whomever they consider to be their best wicketkeeper.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire

DERBY (final day of four): Derbyshire (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (7) by 303 runs

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 341 (D M Jones 105, D G Cork 97, M N Bowen 5 for 53)

Second Innings 377 for 8 dec (C J Adams 106, K J Barnett 103, T J G O'Gorman 58, J A *Afford 5 for 87)*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 317 (P Johnson 82, C L Cairns 75, R T Robinson 53, P A J DeFreitas 5 for 54)

Second Innings

P R Pollard retired hurt	14
R T Robinson b Malcolm	15
*P Johnson c Adams b DeFreitas	0
A A Metcalfe c Adams b DeFreitas	3
U Afzaal b Malcolm	7
C L Cairns c Rollins b Malcolm	20
M N Bowen c Jones b DeFreitas	14
C M Tolley b Malcolm	0
K P Evans b DeFreitas	1
†W M Noon c Rollins b Malcolm	7
J A Afford not out	0
Extras (lb 2, w 5, nb 10)	17
Total (9 wkts)	98

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-43, 3-46, 4-66, 5-79, 6-79, 7-80, 8-98, 9-98.

BOWLING: Malcolm 16-2-43-5, DeFreitas 15.3-3-53-4.

Umpires: R Palmer and R A White

Kent v Somerset

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (21pts) beat Somerset (5) by 62 runs

KENT: First Innings 616 for 7 dec (M J Walker 275 not out, C L Hooper 76, D W Headley 63 not out, T R Ward 57)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c and b Harden	9
M J Walker not out	43
*T R Ward c Turner b Bowler	24
C L Hooper not out	16
Total (2 wkts dec)	92

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-61

BOWLING: *Harden 7-0-39-1, Bowler 6-0-53-1*

SOMERSET: First Innings 389 for 8 dec (R J Harden 136, S C Ecclestone 94)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell b Headley	81
M E Trescothick c Llong b Headley	0
*P D Bowler c Fulton b Hooper	32
R J Harden c Fulton b Llong	29
K A Parsons c Ward b McCague	30
S Lee lbw b Headley	0
S C Ecclestone c Headley b Patel	56
†R J Turner lbw b McCague	1
G D Rose b McCague	7
J I D Kerr b McCague	0
J D Batty not out	7
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 2)	14
Total	257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-85, 3-143, 4-154, *5-154, 6-229, 7-235, 8-243, 9-244*

BOWLING: Headley 13-4-39-3; McCague 10.3-3-21-4; Wren 7-1-29-0; Patel 29-8-81-1, Hooper 15-7-38-1, Llong 6-1-37-1

Umpires: B Leadbeater and A Clarkson

Lancashire v Hampshire

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (10pts) drew with Hampshire (8)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 342 (M A Atherton 63, N H Fairbrother 54)

Second Innings

J E R Gallian b Maru	44
M A Atherton c and b Udal	50
N H Fairbrother c Maru b Whitaker	36
J P Crawley not out	100
G D Lloyd lbw b Whitaker	19
*M Watkinson c White b Stephenson	33
†W K Hegg not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 9, nb 4)	18
Total (5 wkts dec)	306

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-96, 2-116, 3-190, 4-234, 5-288

BOWLING: Renshaw 9-2-36-0; Thursfield 4-0-18-0; Udal 18-1-69-1; Stephenson 13-2-56-1; *Maru 27-7-49-1*; Whitaker 11-0-64-2

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

*J P Stephenson c Hegg b Martin	7
G W White lbw b Chapple	58
P R Whitaker c Atherton b Chapple	10
R A Smith b Martin	17
W S Kendall c Keedy b Watkinson	53
M Keech not out	60
†A N Aymes b Watkinson	0
S D Udal c Hegg b Gallian	10
M J Thursfield b Chapple	4
R J Maru c Gallian b Martin	1
S J Renshaw lbw b Chapple	1
Extras (b 2, lb 9, nb 2)	13
Total (93 overs)	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-29, 3-48, 4-143, 5-167, 6-169, 7-217, 8-228, 9-233

BOWLING: Martin 19-10-28-3; Chapple 18-7-43-4; Watkinson 18-2-71-2; Keedy 21-6-44-0; Green 11-1-22-0; Atherton 2-0-7-0; Gallian 4-1-10-1

Second Innings

G W White lbw b Chapple	4
P R Whitaker run out	37
R J Maru lbw b Watkinson	21
M Keech c Hegg b Keedy	42
R A Smith b Keedy	77
W S Kendall c Hegg b Green	75
*J P Stephenson not out	25
†A N Aymes not out	7
Extras (lb 7, w 5, nb 4)	16
Total (6 wkts)	304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-55, 3-70, 4-133, 5-226, 6-283

BOWLING: Martin 25-8-64-0; Chapple 19-7-48-1, Green 11-0-54-1, Watkinson 20-5-62-1, Keedy 27-10-49-2; Gallian 2-0-12-0; Atherton 3-1-8-0

Umpires: J D Bond and B Dudleston

Middlesex v Worcestershire

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (9pts) drew with Worcestershire (11)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 369 (T M Moody 124, V S Solanki 69, W P C Weston *59)*

Second Innings

T S Curtis c Fraser b Weekes	118
W P C Weston c Gatting b Tufnell	12
G A Hick c Brown b Tufnell	7
*T M Moody b Hewitt	1
K R Spiring c Pooley b Weekes	12
S W K Ellis c Pooley b Tufnell	15
V S Solanki c Fraser b Tufnell	36
†S J Rhodes c Pooley b Weekes	1
S R *Lampitt not out*	32
R K Illingworth not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 8)	17
Total (8 wkts dec)	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-40, 3-47, 4-85, 5-118, 6-164, 7-179, 8-224.

BOWLING: Fraser 8-3-11-0; Fay 2-0-9-0; *Tufnell 47-17-72-4, Hewitt 8-4-17-1, Johnson 5-2-12-0*; Weekes 29-2-103-3

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 352 for 9 dec (P C R Tufnell 67 not out, J D Carr 66 not out, M R Ramprakash 64, R K Illingworth 5 for 85)

Second Innings

P N Weekes b Hick	37
J C Pooley lbw b Solanki	87
M R Ramprakash b Solanki	10
*M W Gatting b Solanki	0
†K R Brown c Lampitt b Solanki	30
J D Carr run out	14
J P Hewitt not out	14
R L Johnson c Curtis b Illingworth	28
A R C Fraser st Rhodes b Solanki	3
R A Fay run out	3
P C R Tufnell not out	1
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 2, nb 6)	15
Total (9 wkts)	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-134, 3-134, 4-155, 5-185, 6-192, 7-225, 8-238, 9-241

BOWLING: Sheriyar 6-0-19-0, Ellis 3-0-17-0, *Illingworth 14-0-57-1*, Lampitt 8-0-42-0, Hick 7-1-31-1, Solanki 11-1-69-5

Umpires: J H Harris and R Julian

Warwickshire v Glamorgan

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (24pts) beat Glamorgan (5) by two wickets

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 498 (S M Pollock 150 not out, K J Piper 82, D P Ostler 65, N V Knight 63)

Second Innings

N V Knight b Gibson	12
M J Powell c and b Gibson	39
W G Khan b Watkin	8
D P Ostler lbw b Watkin	2
T L Penney lbw b Watkin	0
S M Pollock c Morris b Gibson	8
D R Brown not out	26
†K J Piper lbw b Croft	17
N M K Smith c James b Croft	6
A F Giles not out	10
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total (8 wkts)	136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-38, 3-62, 4-62, 5-71, 6-82, 7-105, 8-113

BOWLING: Watkin 16-4-38-3, Croft 16-5-47-2, Gibson 8-0-43-3

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 214 (S P James 90, *M P Maynard 69, A F Giles 6 for 63)*

Second Innings 419 (S P James 148, M P Maynard 95, R D B Croft 78; N M K Smith 5 for 166)

Umpires: J C Balderstone and V A Holder

Tetley's Challenge Series

Essex v Pakistanis

CHELMSFORD (final day of three): Pakistanis beat Essex by 271 runs

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 303 for 9 dec (Inzamam-ul-Haq 106, Asif Mujtaba 100 not *out, R C Irani 4 for 67)*

Second Innings 277 for 2 dec (Salim Malik 104 not out, Saeed Anwar 102)

ESSEX: *First Innings 191 (D D J Robinson 57, Waqar Younis 5 for 42, Saqlain Mushtaq 4 for 47)*

Second Innings

D D J Robinson c and b Saqlain	55
A J E Hibbert c Rashid b Waqar	4
J J B Lewis c sub b Saqlain	21
S D Peters c Sohail b Saqlain	0
R C Irani st Rashid b Saqlain	17
†B J Hyam lbw b Waqar	8
M C Ilott b Waqar	0
P M Such b *Waqar*	3
S J W Andrew st Rashid b Saqlain	2
J H Childs not out	0
*P J Prichard absent ill	0
Extras *(lb 6, nb 2)*	8
Total	118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-88, 3-85, 4-89, 5-110, 6-112, 7-116, 8-116, 9-118.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 11-5-26-4, Mohammad Akram 4-1-14-0, Ata-ur-Rehman 4-0-21-0, Saqlain Mushtaq 13.2-5-34-6, Aamir Sohail 5-2-17-0

Umpires: P Adams and J H Hampshire.

International match

Scotland v Ireland

LINLITHGOW (final day of three): Scotland drew with Ireland

SCOTLAND: First Innings 380 for 5 dec (G Salmond 181, J G Williamson 55, M D d G Allingham 50 not out)

Second Innings

I L Philip c Eagleson b Molins	110
B G Lockie lbw b Eagleson	6
D R Lockhart c Eagleson b Gillespie	4
G Salmond c Rutherford b Gillespie	0
A G Davies c Rutherford b Eagleson	24
J G Williamson c Dunlop b Molins	49
M D d G Allingham not out	36
J G Govan c Lewis b Molins	5
D Gardner not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 2, nb 16)	25
Total (7 wkts dec)	261

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-49, 3-51, 4-128, 5-205, 6-236, 7-243

BOWLING: Gillespie 13-2-43-2, Eagleson 14-0-50-2, Moore 3-0-23-0, Harrison 9-0-47-0, Molins 12.5-0-62-3, McCallan 6-0-29-0

IRELAND: First Innings 323 for 6 dec (A R Dunlop 57, D M P Moore 51, K C McCallan 51, I L Eagleson 50 not out)

Second Innings

K C McCallan c Davies b Allingham	11
D A Lewis c Lockhart b Allingham	71
D M P Moore c Davies b Allingham	17
A R Dunlop lbw b Williamson	1
A D Patterson c Lockie b Gardner	29
P G Gillespie c Davies b Williamson	53
I L Eagleson not out	41
G D Harrison not out	46
Extras (b 12, lb 8, w 2, nb 10)	32
Total (6 wkts)	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-50, 3-53, 4-86, 5-198, 6-209

BOWLING: Williamson 16-6-51-2, Blain 5-0-36-0, Allingham 12-3-53-3; Gardner 7-1-38-1, Tennent 20-8-94-0; Govan 5-2-9-0.

Umpires: I Redford and J Breslin.

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RUGBY

Struggling Widnes lose three more men to Waterloo

By Christopher Irvine

BUILDING work on a new stadium at Naughton Park is due to start soon. The Widnes team, meanwhile, is rapidly being dismantled by speculators and asset-strippers from rugby union. Waterloo have signed Tony Thorniley, Jason Green and David Ruane, bringing the number of full and part-time defections from Widnes to nine.

Although less celebrated than Va'aiga Tuigamala's short-term switch from Wigan to Wasps yesterday, the other moves underline the threat from union. Rather than nibbling away at the edges, union has taken a huge bite out of Widnes. With almost daily defections, agents who milked the contract system in league [illegible] their players are now sucking the game's lifeblood by offering them to the highest bidders in union.

The agents, however, are just part of the problem. Besides, they are only doing what comes naturally. Thorniley, Green and Ruane were out of contract at Widnes, a club in financial turmoil for several years now. The grass at Waterloo undoubtedly looked greener. Many league players and union clubs could find their new liaisons are incompatible; it is the damage they do in the meantime.

Jim Mills, the Widnes chairman, is in no doubt where the blame lies. "We've opened the door to union by switching to summer, with too long an off-season," he said. Winter, for Rochdale, began with their last home match two weeks ago. January and the Challenge Cup is an awfully long way away.

The Super League has delivered excellence, probable new champions in St Helens and a transformation by Bradford on and off the field that must serve as a role model. Summer has also banished postponements and the end-of-season log jam, but the *raison d'être* for realignment of the season with that in Australia — a series of lucrative world play-offs — disappeared before the season started.

The appeal process against Super League's ban in Australia drags on. Part of the fall-out is the temporary move by Henry Paul, from Wigan to Bath, that could eventually become a permanent one. Paul is disillusioned by Wigan's inability to defend their world club championship crown and by the political warfare in league, so much so that he has put Bath ahead of representing New Zealand in the three-match autumn series against Great Britain.

Wigan could have done with the world play-offs. They let Martin Offiah go to London Broncos and Bedford, Scott Quinnell to Richmond and Shen Tatupu to Northampton. As well as releasing Tuigamala and Paul, they are to loan Gary Connolly to Harlequins, who are also interested in the younger Paul brother, Robbie, at Bradford.

The floodgates are open, to the detriment of the Super League in particular and rugby league in general. The year-round player in both codes has been invented, yet the athlete who can perform non-stop has yet to be born. When Wigan recover their charges next January, what state will they be in?

The *nouveau riche* image of union is confined to a handful of clubs — rich pickings for leading league players and their agents — but, lower down the order, financial insecurity, impossible loans and feelings of uncertainty mirror the very problems that continue to beset league after 101 years of professionalism.

As to the drip feed of £87 million from the new Super League, money is not yet reaching the parts that it should. Mismanagement at club level, where all the money is being directed, still thrives. The Rugby Football League proudly announced yesterday the scraping together of a £60,000 cheque for the Super League winners next weekend. Not that it interested poor Widnes.

Tuigamala joins as autumn Wasp

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WHEN Wasps open the home season next month, they will do so in new surroundings, with new money and — subject, as they always say, to form and fitness — the comfortingly solid presence in their ranks of Va'aiga Tuigamala, whose short-term return to rugby union was confirmed yesterday.

Like Henry Paul, his rugby league colleague at Wigan, Tuigamala has agreed to play for Wasps from September until January. The former All Black wing has yet to resolve problems over a work permit, but his new club anticipate him playing around 20 games before he returns to Wigan.

Although they retain, and will develop, their ground at Sudbury as a centre of excellence, Wasps will play their first home league game at Loftus Road on Sunday, September 8. The match with Saracens will be the first of three significant Sunday dates, since they intend to play Leicester at the football stadium on September 22 and Cardiff in the Heineken Cup on October 13.

It is the belief of Chris Wright, chairman of the new Loftus Road plc, that such games could attract between 9,000 and 10,000, which should create an atmosphere in which such players as Lawrence Dallaglio, Damien Cronin and Tuigamala can thrive. Wright, who has purchased Queens Park Rangers and Wasps for some £13 million, said: "If rugby becomes the growth sport it should become and needs to become to justify its existence as a professional sport, you still do not know what its needs may be in the future, and we can cope with that."

Wasps hope to announce, within the next ten days, a three-year sponsorship with a multinational company worth £1 million.

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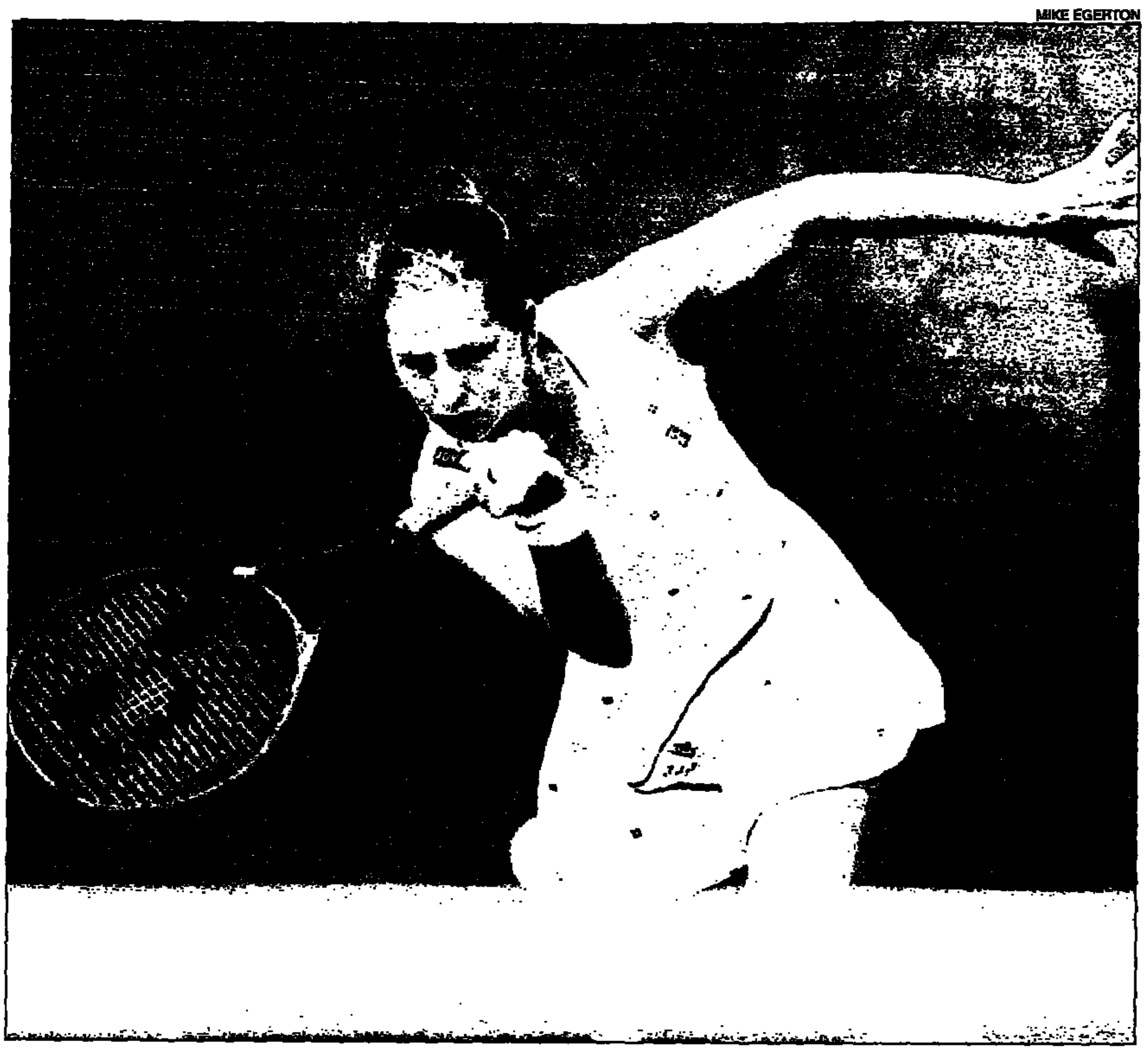

Jheni Osman moves into the net during her 6-3, 6-0 first-round victory over Charlotte Smith yesterday

Latimer follows eminent line

Alix Ramsay on a teenager out to make her name at the national junior championships

IF IT is summertime in Nottingham, then it is time to search for tennis talent. Every year the town plays host to around 300 hopeful players, from under-14s to under-18s, all determined to make their mark in the sport's history books. A British junior title would put their name up there alongside such notables as David Lloyd, Buster Mottram, Tim Henman, Ann Jones, Christine Truman, Sue Barker and Jo Durie.

The courts of the City of Nottingham Tennis Centre are filled with the young and talented, the young and determined and the just plain young. Watched by parents who have put time and money into their prodigy's progress, it can be a tense week. As the scent of suntan lotion wafts across the sparsely populated stands, coaches and parents seem devastated by defeat, even if some players fail to see it as a matter of life and death.

Many of the leading juniors have decided not to play in Nottingham, choosing to ply their trade on the satellite circuit, where there are world-ranking points at stake, or in international junior events, where the level of competition is higher. Even at under-14 level, some of the top names have stayed away. In world terms, a British title amounts to little, but a couple of rounds won at a satellite tournament helps the players to inch up the career ladder and earn a few bob into the bargain.

In the absence of the top names, Louise Latimer, from Sutton Coldfield, finds herself as the No 1 seed. She has been going to Nottingham for the past four years and her best result was in reaching the quarter-finals last year. Now 18, she has been playing full-time for two years, working with Shirley Brasher in London. Her ambitions are simple and realistic. "I would just like to make a living out of tennis and make a name for myself if I can," she said, having won her first-round match with ease, defeating Lucy Collinson, from Oxfordshire, 6-3, 6-1.

She started playing by accident when her best friend was having short tennis lessons and Latimer tagged along. From there she progressed to the adult game and a career in tennis. With some money from the Lawn Tennis Association and frequent raids on her parents' bank account, she scrapes by financially.

Her travels have taken her to South America and Australia, where she played in towns so small there were not even sheep to swell the numbers. "It's OK if you like travelling and you don't mind the endless hotel rooms," she said.

She had gone to Nottingham because "I didn't have anything else to do and I would like to be able to say I have won a national title". Yet, back in the real world, she knows she faces a struggle. Her world ranking is around the 830 mark and she would like to raise that to 500 by the end of the year. However, most of those who have put their name on the world tennis map had already done so by the time they were 18. Steffi Graf was just turning 19 midway through 1988, the year of her grand slam. The rest of the women's top ten had already made their mark before they were allowed to vote. As for the likes of Martina Hingis, she is only 15 and has gone down in the record books as the youngest winner of a Wimbledon title, the women's doubles.

Back in Nottingham, Latimer has her chance to become the best of a mediocre bunch. Once that has been achieved, there are always the national senior rankings to conquer. With Rachel Viollet clinging on to a place in the world top 200 by her fingertips but still at the top of the domestic tree, there is room for Latimer and her like at Nottingham to make a living and something of a name for themselves — even if it is only in Britain.

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PARALYMPICS

Holding collects another record

By Alix Ramsay

GREAT Britain's wheelchair athletes took to the track yesterday to bump up an already impressive medal tally at the tenth Paralympic Games in Atlanta. Dave Holding, known at home for winning the London Marathon three times but really a sprinter at heart, won the men's T53 100 metres in a world record time of 14.45sec.

Holding, an accountant from Kettering, had already set a world record in the semi-finals, an achievement that took him by surprise. But, come the final, he was confident that, despite the strength of the field, he was the man to beat. "After the semis I knew I had a good chance of winning," he said. "There were still two in the final I had to worry about, but it was a great race and I am just delighted."

Tanni Gray was not so delighted with her silver medal in the women's T52 100 metres. She was beaten by the 14-year-old American, Leann Shannon, in a world record of 16.62sec. Shannon has been at the centre of some controversy in Atlanta. She was recently reclassified to race in the T52 group with some of her fellow athletes, Gray included, complaining that the level of her disability is considerably less than that.

However, Gray was philosophical about the defeat. "She got a really good start over the first ten metres and I couldn't catch her," she said. "It is all part of learning to be a champion. I have to learn to forget the good races and the bad and just concentrate on the next race."

Meanwhile, the rest of the athletes have been starting a small revolution in Atlanta. Having spent the first few days waiting in vain for buses that never arrived, they have discovered that a paltry $17 will buy them a season ticket on the public transport system. Now Atlanta's underground stations are awash with Paralympians getting to and from competition venues under their own steam but on time.

The sight of a stream of wheelchairs tackling the escalators has raised eyebrows, but no one is going to stop the revolution. As for the athletes, anything is better than waiting for the Paralympic organisers to sort it out.

GOLF: TRIUMPH IN SOLHEIM CUP WOULD COMPLETE VICTORY SET

Europe set sights on clean sweep

By Patricia Davies

AT THE Weetabix British Women's Open at Woburn last week, they sold four tickets for the Solheim Cup match — the Ryder Cup with lipstick, as a Welsh wag once described it — at St Pierre, in Chepstow, from September 20 to 22. Come the three days of competition, however, there should be more than just a handful of spectators for what is now one of the most important team events in British and European golf.

Hyperbole? Of course, but justified, for Europe's women have it in their grips to complete a unique quartet, to ensure that golf's four premier team trophies are on this side of the Atlantic, together, for the first time.

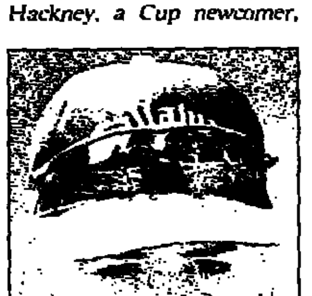
Great Britain and Ireland's amateurs have already won the Walker Cup and the Curtis Cup, Europe won the Ryder Cup and, next month, the Americans will be doing their utmost to prevent the Solheim Cup, the baby of the quartet, from spending more than a few days on display in Wales.

The Europeans, unfortunately, have already conceded to the oppositon, the most successful golfing nation on earth, everything but home advantage. There are more players, with 12-a-side instead of ten, and more matches, with four fourballs and four foursomes on the first two days and 12 singles on the last day.

The leading three players in the world, however, are European. Annika Sorenstam, the US Women's Open champion, and Laura Davies, who has won two major championships this season, have been engaged in a game of musical rankings at the top of the Ping leaderboard, taking it in turns to be No 1, and Liselotte Neumann, who has won three tournaments in America this year, is No 3.

They will all be in the side to be announced after the Compaq Open, in Sweden, a week on Sunday. Walker is allowed five wild cards and Neumann will probably have to be one, since she is eighteenth on the Solheim Cup list and there are only two events remaining, the Compaq and the Trygg Hansa Open, near Stockholm, this week.

Two wins might take Neumann into the top seven on the Solheim Cup list, who make the team as of right. The present top four — Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, Davies, Lisa Hackney, a Cup newcomer, and Alison Nicholas — are certainties. Trish Johnson, Lora Fairclough and Sorenstam, all Solheim Cup players already, occupy the other automatic spots at present, but with 180 points for a win, the situation is fluid.



Sorenstam: lead role

Joanne Morley, Patricia Meunier Lebouc, Karina Orum, Sophie Gustafson, Julie Forbes and Helen Alfredsson are others who could still earn a place.

The Americans, whose captain, Judy Rankin, is limited to two choices, look more settled. They name their side after the tournament in Dayton, Ohio, this week and there are 30 points for the winner.

Dottie Pepper, Meg Mallon, Kelly Robbins, Michelle McGann, Jane Geddes, Patty Sheehan, Rosie Jones, Pat Bradley and Val Skinner all look safe. Betsy King, in tenth spot, is not far ahead of Beth Daniel and Emilee Klein, the new Weetabix Women's British Open champion, who has shot into the reckoning with two recent wins.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Windsor

Going: good to firm

2.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, TURNING WHEEL (Pat Eddery, 1-3 fav); 2, Multicoloured (J Reid, 9-2), 3, Mount Pleasant (T Quinn, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Dark Waters, 33 Gataka, Grand Splendour (5th), Mourne Mountains, Opalette (4th), Shoshone, 50 Classy Chief (6th), Locket, Stern, 100 Bigwig, Charcol, One In The Eye. 15 ran. 5l, 3l, hd, 4l, nk. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £3.10. Trio: £13.30. CSF: £2.94.

3.00 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, PRESENT ARMS (T Quinn, 7-2), 2, Atlantic Mist (B Doyle, 8-1), 3, Love Bateta (G Faulkner, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Snow Falcon, 6 Nelly's Cousin (4th), 8 Llyswen, Mountain Dream, 12 Kitty Kitty Cancan, Oberons Boy, 50 Northern Clan. 10 ran. 3l, ¾l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £1.80, £5.30. DF: £18.50. Trio: £301.10 (part won; pool of £84.83 carried forward to 4.15 at York today). CSF: £28.97. Tricast: £550.84.

3.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, MARALINGA (Declan O'Shea, 6-1); 2, Kinlochewe (W Ryan, 5-1), 3, Inquisitor (L Dettori, 6-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Civil Liberty (4th), 12 Lomberto (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 4l, 4l, 6l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £8.80; £2.00, £2.80. DF: £16.80. CSF: £29.11.

4.00 (5f 217yd) 1, KAISER KACHE (B Doyle, 9-1), 2, Aegean Sound (Dane O'Neill, 5-2 fav), 3, Nightingale Song (D Sweeney, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 I Can't Remember (4th), 15-2 Victoria's Dream (6th), 10 Blue Movie, 20 Summer Risotto (5th). 7 ran. NR: Masterstroke. Sh hd, 1¾l, nk, 7l, ½l. K McAuliffe at Lambourn. Tote: £10.10; £4.90, £2.00. DF: £15.00. CSF: £29.54. Tricast: £91.58.

4.30 (5f 10yd) 1, JOZA (C Rutter, 3-1), 2, Dark Mile (L Dettori, 5-1), 3, Martine (B Doyle, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Attribute, 6 Husun (6th), 10 Noble Story (4th), Show Off, 20 Tearina, 25 Karen's Hat, 33 Good News (5th), Poker Princess, Valentine Fairy, 66 Wild Nettle. 13 ran. ¾l, 5l, sh hd, hd, ½l. H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.70, £7.30. DF: £12.00. Trio: £383.90 (part won; pool of £329.89 carried forward to 4.15 at York today). CSF: £19.14.

5.00 (5f 10yd) 1, ASHKERNAZY (Kerry Baker, 20-1), 2, Imposing Time (B Ford, 5-1); 3, Mister Raider (Emily Joyce, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Runs In The Family (4th), 5 Silk Cottage, 7 Step On Degas, 9 Songsheet (5th), 10 Lorins Gold (6th), 16 Gracious Gretclo, Paley Prince, 20 Mister Sean, 25 Casino Chip, The Noble Oak, 33 Hong Kong Dollar, Justinianus. 15 ran. Nk, hd, nk, ¾l, 1¾l. N Berry at Lambourn. Tote: £19.80; £4.70, £2.50, £5.20. DF: £141.70. Trio: £566.80. CSF: £115.80. Tricast: £1,212.36.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,346.08 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £959.00. Quadpot: £628.50.

Hamilton Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.15 (6f 5yd) 1, ANOTHER NIGHTMARE (K Sked, 6-1), 2, Naissant (J Edmunds, 66-1), 3, Leading Princess (Angela Gallimore, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Ultra Beet (4th), 11-2 Onel Lad, 13-2 Tropical Beach (5th), 7 Members Welcome, 9 Rosseale Lodge (6th), Samsung Lovelylady, Sunday Mail Too, 20 Backhander. 11 ran. 4l, sh hd, 3½l, 2l, 2l. R McKellar at Lesmahagow. Tote: £7.30; £2.60, £8.40, £3.70. DF: £150.90. Trio: £186.50 (part won; pool of £209.07 carried forward to 4.15 at York today). CSF: £225.82. Tricast: £2,980.38.

2.45 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, MYSTIC TIMES (J Quinn, 14-1), 2, Never So True (J Carroll, 14-1), 3, Moofaji (R Havlin, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Zahran (6th), 11-2 Return To Brighton, 13-2 Seconds Away (4th), 7 Absolute Ruler, Brambles Way (5th), 15-2 Mill Dancer, 10 Funny Rose, 14 Lam Fort, 25 Elite Racing, 33 Care And Comfort. 13 ran. 1½l, 2l, hd, 1l, 5l. B Mactaggart at Hawick. Tote: £40.70; £9.20, £4.30, £9.30. DF: £236.50. Trio: not won (pool of £200.35 carried forward to 4.15 at York today). CSF: £173.60. Tricast: £8,345.35. No bid.

3.15 (1m 65yd) 1, SOOTY TERN (J Weaver, 7-1), 2, King Curan (A Mackay, 7-1), 3, Impulsive Air (J Quinn, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Highspeed, 11-2 Bold Amusement, Nordic Breeze, 10 Talented Ting (4th), 16 Raased (6th), 100 Rapid Mover (5th). 9 ran. 3l, 8l, 2½l, 3½l, sh hd. J Bradley at Chepstow. Tote: £10.80; £2.70, £3.90, £1.10. DF: £25.20. Trio: £59.40. CSF: £47.09. Tricast: £180.62.

3.45 (6f 5yd) 1, ALL IS FAIR (G Duffield, 5-2), 2, Dazzling Stone (K Darley, 2-1), 3, Pendles (J Weaver, 15-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 16 The Four Isles (5th), 50 Hong Kong Express (4th). 5 ran. ¾l, 2l, 3½l, 2½l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £7.34.

4.15 (6f 5yd) 1, CONTRAVENE (J Carroll, 14-1), 2, I'm Still Here (P Roberts, 16-1), 3, Lycius Touch (J Weaver, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Absolone Queen (4th), Jingoist (5th), 7-2 Scotmail Lass (6th), 16 Silent Wells, 40 Cantsaynowt. 8 ran. 1¼l, sh hd, 2l, ½l, 5l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £11.70; £3.20, £3.00, £2.70. DF: £20.00. CSF: £166.41.

4.45 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, MENTALASANYTHIN (A Mackay, 7-4 fav); 2, Lord Advocate (K Sked, 25-1), 3, China Castle (J Fortune, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Ambidextrous (4th), Nothing Doing (5th), 9 Here Comes Herbie (6th), 33 Jaberoot, Rossel. 8 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 2½l, 1¾l, 3l. D Haydn Jones at Pontypridd. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £3.10, £1.50. DF: £10.80. CSF: £33.22. Tricast: £128.09. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £2,100.90. Quadpot: £25.20.

Leicester

Going: good to firm

5.40 (7f 9yd) 1, DUMMER GOLF TIME (D Harrison, 9-4 fav), 2, Saley Ana (4-1), 3, Perilous Plight (11-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Whispered Melody (4th). 9 ran. 2l, 1½l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £6.80. Trio: £19.30. CSF: £11.37.

Plumpton

Going: firm, good to firm in places

5.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, SCAMALLACH (G Bradley, 8-11 fav), 2, Misty View (7-1), 3, Siesta Time (11-4). ALSO RAN: 12 Club Elite (4th). 5 ran. 4l, 7l. J Jenkins. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.84.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Today's hand was reported as being played by the Norwegian, John Lokeberg. Yogi Berra (manager of the New York Yankees and famous for his creative idiom) once remarked of a baseball disaster that it was "déjà vu all over again". I felt a frisson of that feeling on this deal, but maybe I'm being cynical.

Dealer West **Game all**

North:
♠A83
♥J1096
♦642
♣874

West:
♠4
♥AKQ82
♦K109
♣J962

East:
♠65
♥7543
♦J875
♣KQ10

South:
♠KQJ10972
♥—
♦AQ3
♣A53

W	N	E	S
1H	Pass	2H	4S
All Pass			

Contract: Four spades by South. Lead: Ace of hearts

Declarer has nine tricks on top. Can he avoid the diamond finesse? Try not to look at the East-West hands until you have decided on your play.

The clue is to recognise the significance of dummy's heart holding. After the lead of the ace of hearts, the jack, ten and nine will eventually produce a trick against the king and queen.

All that is necessary is to ruff the first trick high (thus preserving the entries to dummy) and lead a high spade to dummy's ace; you then lead the jack of hearts, discarding a club from hand. West wins and, say, he switches to a club.

You continue with the seven of spades to the eight, and throw another club on the ten of hearts. Now you have set up the nine of hearts as a winner, and you can use your carefully preserved two of spades to re-enter dummy with the three to cash the nine of hearts.

Notice that if you had lazily ruffed the first heart low, you would no longer have had three entries to dummy.

Lokeberg discarded a club from his hand at trick one — equally good — and then played as described above.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Two queens

I am often asked whether it is possible for one side to have more than one queen on the board at any given time. The answer is yes, and this situation can come about if one promotes a pawn. A pawn may promote to any piece except the king and it obviously cannot just remain as a pawn on the back rank. It is, indeed, possible to have three knights on the board on the same side at the same time or, in a very extreme case as many as nine queens.

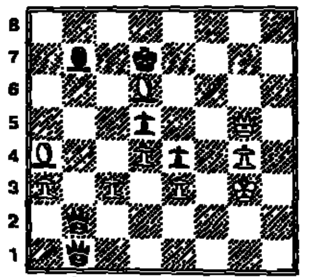
In the following game from this year's British Championship, Black gains the huge material advantage of two queens against one, but fails to spot that he must sacrifice one back to make a draw.

White: Tim Wall
Black: Daniel Bisby
British Championship, Nottingham, August 1996

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	d5
2	Bg5	g6
3	e3	Bg7
4	Nd2	Nf6
5	Bd3	0-0
6	c3	b6
7	Qe2	Bb7
8	f4	Nbd7
9	Ngf3	Ne4
10	Bh4	c5
11	0-0	Ndf6
12	Ne5	Nxd2
13	Qxd2	Ne4
14	Qe2	Qc7
15	Rad1	Rad8
16	Kh1	f6
17	Ng4	Kh8
18	Nf2	f5
19	Nxe4	fxe4
20	Bb5	c4
21	g4	a6
22	Ba4	b5
23	Bc2	Qd7
24	Rf2	Bf6
25	Bg3	a5
26	f5	g5
27	h4	h6
28	Rh2	Kg7
29	Kg2	Rh8
30	Rdh1	Rdg8
31	Kf1	Qe8
32	Qf2	b4
33	Be5	b3
34	axb3	cxb3
35	Bd1	a4
36	hxg5	fxg5
37	Rh5	Rxh5
38	Rxh5	Rh8
39	Rxg5+	Kf8
40	Kg2	Bxg5
41	Bxh8	Kf7
42	Be5	a3
43	bxa3	Qb5
44	f6	b2
45	fxe7+	Kxe7
46	Qf5	b1Q
47	Qxg5+	Ke8
48	Bd6	Q5b2+
49	Kg3	Kd7
50	Ba4+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



On move 48, Black could have drawn by playing 48 ... Qf1+ 49 Kxf1 Qxd1+ and the white king will be unable to escape the checks.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CASABIANCA
a. A brothel
b. A French captain
c. A card game

SABRINA
a. A purple shrub
b. The River Severn
c. The third vertebra

DOVERCOURT
a. A gabble
b. Customs house at Dover
c. A short riding-coat

REPENTER CURLS
a. Long hair
b. An ornate signature
c. Tendons in the ankle

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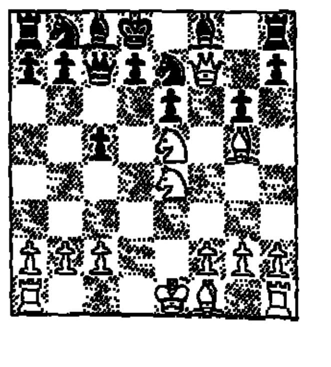
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game *Saalbach — Pollmacher*, Leipzig 1861. For the cost of only one pawn White has a huge lead in development and has managed to displace the black king. It is therefore not surprising that he finds a route to a quick checkmate. Can you see it?



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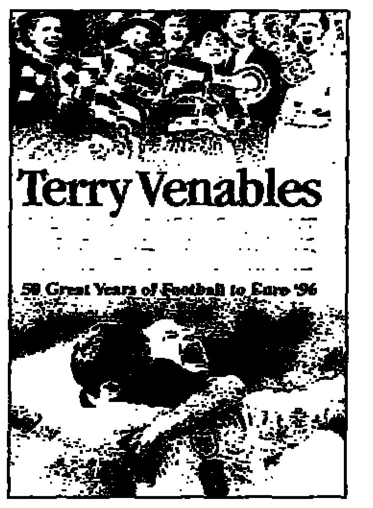
Gazza's critics silenced

BY TERRY VENABLES

England are held to a draw by Switzerland in a tense start to Euro 96 but spirits are lifted by a *win over Scotland and Gascoigne's magical goal*



Having lobbed the ball over Hendry, Gascoigne leaves the Scotland defender in his wake as he volleys home one of the best individual goals seen at Wembley

On paper, our first game in Group A did not seem too daunting. We had beaten Switzerland comfortably 3-1 in a friendly at Wembley seven months earlier, and *nothing* that had happened since then suggested they were going to be a bigger threat to us: just the opposite, in fact. The decision of the Swiss FA not to retain Roy Hodgson, the Englishman who had transformed their national team *into* a real force and got them to the finals, looked as though it might upset the apple-cart. Artur Jorge, the Portuguese *who replaced him*, is a good, experienced and successful coach, but there was every possibility the *players might struggle to adapt to* his methods in the short time available. Two of their most famous *and talented players didn't* need to bother. Jorge created a real stir by leaving Alain Sutter and Adrian Knup out of *his* 22.

Even so, I always knew it was going to be a difficult game, the first one. It wasn't just our first competitive game for nearly three years, but the first game of the tournament. And when did you ever see a good opening match? There are peculiar tensions and pressures at work and the crowd was a bit subdued. I think that might have been because they'd had two and a half hours of entertainment during the opening ceremony. The spectators might have been tired, I don't know, but a lot of people said it was a strange atmosphere. Perhaps they were nervous, too. We did all right in the first half, when Alan Shearer ended his England goal-drought with a powerful strike, and David Seaman and all the boys felt we had a tackle on all their chances in the second half. Although Kubilay Turkyilmaz was a bit of a handful, there was nothing clear-cut, *really, and we should have* scrambled through 1-0 and had the points to give us a platform to go forward.

Instead, we had a harsh penalty given against us late in the game, *when Pearcey was adjudged* to have handled a shot by Marco Grassi. Turkyilmaz gave Seaman no chance of saving *that* kick and we had to settle for a draw. I'm not disputing that Stuart handled the ball, but there's no doubt in my mind there was no intent on his part to do so. If you recall, he was right on top of Grassi trying to block the shot, and he had turned his head away to avoid being hit in the face. The ball struck his hand, which was up alongside his face, but I don't see how he could possibly have handled intentionally when he was not even looking at the ball. You've got to see it to handle it!

People claimed we ran out of steam in the second half and tried to suggest the trip to the Far East had taken its toll, but I don't think that was the reason we fell away after the interval. We examined the possibility and I mentioned it to the players, but another look at the game on video satisfied me that something else was responsible. It was the old business of the last thing you learn being the first thing you forget under pressure. In any case, we *proved later it wasn't a* question of fitness. If we were out of gas, we would have been out all the *way through the tournament.* We certainly wouldn't have got fit in time for our next game, against *Scotland, a week later. In fact, that* week gave us the time we needed to iron everything out, and I thought we were fine by the time we faced the Scots the following Saturday. I think we would still have got there with four days' preparation, but it was nice to have the extra day or two.

What also happened was that all the criticism we got for failing to beat Switzerland made us that much more determined to do well. We knew what points we had to get right and went through them all thoroughly with the players. What pleased me more than anything was the training and the preparation during that week between the first two games. Everything we wanted to cover, we covered. I would have liked to do some other things that were perhaps more entertaining, but Don (Howe) and Bryan (Robson) did the ball-work with them and I used my time with the tactical side of it.

Scotland presented an entirely different challenge. Because they were another British side and because we, the oldest rivals in world football, had not played each other for seven years, there was a real danger of our players treating the game as something separate from the tournament rather than as part of it. I tried hard to guard against that kind of approach, and stressed they must regard it as just another game and not something special.

A lot of people thought we started poorly against the Scots, but I don't think that's fair. We did what we set out to do. I'd been banging on to the *players about having 90 minutes to* win the game, which is always the attitude adopted by the best teams, like Liverpool. You've got to see what's happening first. From the lovely moves point of view, yes, you can criticise them; but I think we stopped all the things Scotland had to throw at us in the first half. In fact, they might have had a better chance or two in the second half, even though we overran them. That second half, I thought, was fantastic from our point of view.

In the first half, we tried to curb their enthusiasm. Let 'em run, let 'em run, then see how it goes. About 15 minutes before half-time, I felt we weren't quite right — I'll give you that; but I wouldn't say we were poor. We were playing the game the way we had planned. It was like the way Croatia had played against us in the friendly at Wembley a couple of months before Euro 96. In the first half, they were very dour. Then, in the second half, they tried to win the game.

At half-time I made the decision to take Pearce off and bring Jamie Redknapp on. The reason was that, with Southgate coming into central midfield, we had two anchormen there. I was happy for Paul Ince to break forward, as he can, with Gareth holding, or vice versa. What we were trying to do was get our central midfield to run their players away so that the people at the back could have more space to pass the ball. The trouble was that Gareth was getting ahead of the ball and receiving it with his back to the game. Although he did pretty well, he was finding himself in awkward positions and I thought the fluency just wasn't there.

So I decided to change the system at half-time. I felt it would be better with Southgate going to the left side of the back three, in place of Pearce, and Ince moving into the very centre of midfield. Then I brought on another Gascoigne-type player in Jamie Redknapp. It really made a difference. It gave McManaman a looser role and enabled him to link up with Redknapp like he does at Liverpool. Jamie's used to sticking the ball to him early, and that's what led to the first goal. Jamie got it to Steve early, the Scottish defence thought he was going to dribble, but Gary Neville came up on the outside and McManaman laid it into him. Good cross, Shearer's head, goal! It was an outstanding example of how we moved opposing defences about. If you look at it again, you will see *how* the attack is *shifted* back and forth across the field until we find the opening we are looking for. I wanted someone to manipulate the ball, and Redknapp did exactly that. Jamie was very unfortunate to twist his ankle in that game, jumping for the ball; but he's definitely one for the future. He's got lots of confidence and he likes playing with Gascoigne. They played so well together in China, if you recall.

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Then, about 15 minutes from the end, we had a penalty awarded against us for the second match running. It was for a sliding tackle by Adams on Gordon Durie, and I thought it was justified. This time, though, Seaman hurled himself to his right and deflected Gary McAllister's spot kick over the bar. It was a good save, and something that made it a lot easier for us to win the game, but I wouldn't go along with the view that it turned the tournament for us. Unlike the Swiss penalty, this one was given early enough for us to have done something about it. I feel confident we would still have beaten the Scots even if McAllister had scored, a belief Gascoigne's tremendous goal soon afterwards tended to support.

A couple of minutes after the penalty, Seaman found Anderton *on the* left with a long clearance. Seeing Gascoigne making a good run inside the full back, Anderton did exactly the right thing by knocking the ball in to *him* first time. Colin Hendry had come across to make a challenge, but Gascoigne lifted the ball over him with his left foot, then volleyed it into the bottom corner with his right as he ran round the flummoxed Scottish defender.

It was not only the best goal of the tournament, but the best in the last two or three major tournaments. If Romario or Marco van Basten had scored it, everyone would be raving about it still; but, being English, we tend to give only grudging respect to wonderful demonstrations of individual skill like that. When the goal went in, incidentally, a picture flashed into *my mind. It was of Richard* Littlejohn, the *Daily Mail* columnist, who had cruelly dubbed *Gazza "fat boy". I could just see* Littlejohn throwing his cream buns and Greyfriars cap into the air.

That was good for us, because it gave other players more room to do some damage. But the poor guy just can't win in the eyes of some people. First we were accused of being over-reliant on him, then there were calls for me to *drop him* from the team because someone thought he wasn't doing the business. It seems the critics are always looking for a reason to have a go at him. But as far as I am concerned, he did everything I expected of him. It was a remarkable achievement to get himself back into tournament fitness after all his injury problems, and he made a full contribution to the team effort — as he always does. He is a giver. All he wants is his team to be successful.

Gazza seems to have a problem with referees in Scotland, but something no one mentioned during Euro 96 was that he got only one yellow card in five games at a very high level of competition. So *he* obviously learnt from his mistakes at the finals of the 1990 World Cup, where he *would have missed* the final because of two yellow cards. Not this time, though. Everyone kept saying he was a time bomb, but no one mentioned how well-behaved he was during the competition. So it's not just a question of his behaviour off the field: you've got to talk about his behaviour on it, too.

If we were to look back on Gazza's career now, and it was over, I would say he's done enough already to be classed as one of the all-time greats of English football. I thought he did tremendously well for England in 1990 and he did a lot *for us this time*, too. He's a rare mixture of lots of players. He's got a *Dave Mackay type of build*, for *instance, but he can manipulate the* ball like George Best. The difference is that the tabloids weren't as *merciless in George's day as they* are today. I've dealt with the Schusters and the Maradonas of this world, and other players of great talent, and I would say Gazza is in that class.

People say I'm the expert at handling him, but it just seems like good old-fashioned common sense to me. I think as long as you don't bullshit him, he's OK. Sometimes, you have to have a go at him because he's picking his nose or looking at something else when you are talking to him. At other times, you have to understand his problems, and he appreciates you taking the time to do it. He's different from other players only in that he's probably got a wider *variety of behaviour patterns.*

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Shearer scores from the penalty spot to set England on the way to a remarkable 4-1 victory

Dutch mastered

Holland went into Euro 96 as second favourites behind Germany but Venables had done his homework and England produced a performance close to perfection

While our win against the Scots *put* us in a strong position in Group A, we still needed to beat Holland three days later to be absolutely sure of reaching the quarter-finals. A point would have done but, as I *stressed at the time, playing* for *a draw can* be a very dangerous game. So, I was confronted by the exciting and *demanding task of devising a plan to* beat the team I *most* admire in Europe. That's not strictly true, in *that Ajax are the team I most* admire in Europe. But there were so many current and former Ajax *players in the* Dutch team which competed in Euro 96, the difference between them was minimal. After all, Holland only qualified for the tournament in a play-off with the Republic of Ireland after coach Guus Hiddink had finally committed himself to playing the Ajax way.

Unless you look at Ajax for hours and hours, and start to realise how clever they are and why they are doing certain things, you will never unravel the complexity of their tactical plan. Even the smallest thing matters. You may not think so at first, but it does. Fortunately, because I was so fascinated by their unusual tactics, I had put endless hours into studying them. In fact, I flatter myself that no coach in Euro 96 could have been better prepared than I was to take on Holland. Not only that, but I really believed we could do what Ajax and Holland do — and do it better — because we had better players. I was convinced of that, despite the ridiculous claims of Louis van Gaal, the Ajax coach, and *Ruud Gullit that* no foreigners could master the Ajax way of playing because you need to learn it from a very young age. What about Jari Litmanen, Nwankwo Kanu and Finidi George, then? They are not Dutch, but it didn't take them long to adjust to playing for Ajax. What their system of teaching young players does is enable them to get into the first team at an early age. But I don't think it's impossible to teach it to other people. If artists can copy Van Gogh successfully, I don't see why we can't copy a few of Ajax's principles. It's not rocket science we are talking about, after all. Johan Cruyff improved on it at Barcelona, and I think it can be improved further.

If you are doing what the Dutch do, only half as well as they are doing it, you've got a problem. It's *no good copying it if you are going* to be second best at what they do. But I always thought that if we gave it 100 per cent, and didn't do it grudgingly, our wide players (Anderton and McManaman) were better than theirs (Jordi and Richard Witschge) and our strikers were better than theirs. Yes, you read that correctly. I didn't think Patrick Kluivert and Dennis Bergkamp would be as effective as Teddy Sheringham and Alan Shearer, because Sheringham and Shearer had the edge in the air. I was also confident we were as strong as them in midfield and at the back.

The upshot of all this was a decision to dust off the "Christmas tree" formation the media had become obsessed with soon after I took over as England coach. I coined that name for it because the shape of the formation — 1-4-3-2-1 gave it the outline of a pine tree. I had only used it two or three times during the 20 friendly matches leading up *to Euro 96*, but some football writers — Harry Harris prominent among them — seemed *to think it was a permanent fixture*, the way they went on about it all the time. So I can't pretend it didn't give me a lot of satisfaction, and amusement, to re-plant the Christmas tree against Holland without any of the media men noticing.

I had always intended to use some sort of 4-3-3 formation in that game, but I wasn't sure whether to play the wingers wide or not. I *decided against it because the* Dutch full backs, Michael Reiziger and Winston Bogarde, don't want to attack so we didn't need the wingers to go all the way back with them. Normally, Sheringham doesn't play deep enough when defending, so he had to stay right *up in attack or take the full back up* to the halfway line. I was wondering whether it would work when, bingo, *I watched Juventus* beat Ajax in the European Cup final. The Italians played 4-3-3, but without any wide men. They just had Vialli, Ravanelli and Del Piero getting up against Ajax's back four — which their usual three becomes against three attackers — and giving them problems. That convinced me we had worked out the best way to play Holland.

Once the game started, we had them all over the place tactically. They weren't sure, for instance, *who should pick up McManaman*, who was playing alongside Sheringham in support of Shearer. *Witschge marked him to begin* with, but realised that wasn't working and passed him over to *Bogarde. Sheringham, meanwhile*, kept dropping very deep — so deep that Reiziger didn't know whether *to follow him or stay where he was.* It confused the Dutch almost as much as it confused some English *observers, who complained* Sheringham was dropping too deep! The reason Teddy usually *comes back is to make sure we still* outnumber the opposition in midfield if Ince has to drop into the *back three. The good thing* about Teddy is that he can come out of very deep positions, laying the ball *off, and still be up in the box by the* time the winger gets in a cross. In fact, it was in that way, I think, he *started* the *move that led to* Anderton's great scoring chance against Germany. Abroad, no one would be *concerned about such* tactics, but here we have to ask why he is playing so deep. Don't people think we have thought these things through!

The rest really is history. We just played Holland off the park and scored four times in the first 62 minutes without reply. Alan Shearer put away a penalty after Danny Blind had tripped Ince at the end of a clever attacking move. Sheringham scored with a header by making room for himself shrewdly at a corner. Shearer blasted home a lovely, disguised *square pass from Sheringham*, and then Teddy wrapped it up by pouncing on the loose ball when Edwin van der Sar, the Dutch goalkeeper, could not hold a fierce shot from Anderton. Kluivert, who had come on as substitute, got a late goal for Holland, but it wasn't much by way of consolation for a real drubbing. Even Hiddink had to admit we had been superior to them in every aspect of the game. *As a* performance by England, it was close to perfection. You don't often get that close to it, especially when you are playing the Dutch.

I'm looking forward to sitting down at some later date with a glass of champagne and a cigar and watching it again on video. It will warm the cockles of my heart on a cold winter's night. But I expect they'll say I was lucky. People have tried to devalue the win by arguing that it was an inexperienced, sub-standard Dutch team we beat. Inexperienced some of them might have been in terms of international caps, but most of them had appeared in two European Cup finals and two World Club Championships.

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Much was made, too, of the rifts in the Dutch camp, but they have always *thrived on that sort of thing* before. It was conveniently forgotten that Holland had started the tournament *as second favourites* — behind Germany — and took France to penalties after we had slaughtered them. I certainly cannot remember anyone beating Ajax or Holland by the sort of score we managed. Our trouble is that we are too reluctant to celebrate victory and too eager to downgrade our own achievements. It is *one of the* reasons we do not progress as a football nation.

TOMORROW

Penalty shoot-out despair for England and Southgate

FOOTBALL

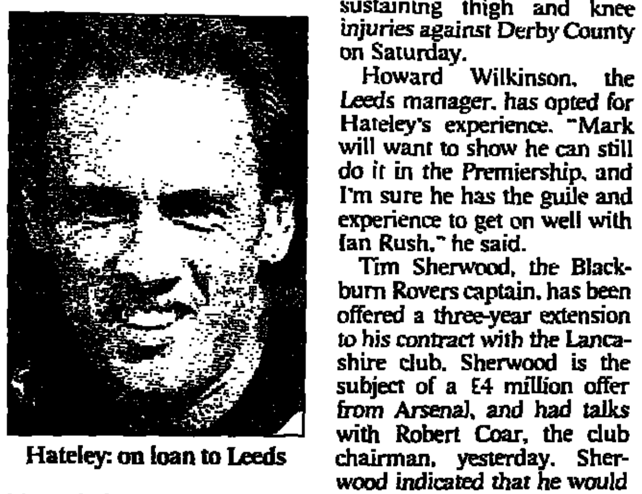
Ball weighs up options to bolster City squad

By David Maddock

ALAN BALL, the Manchester City manager, will decide today whether to offer a contract to Elvis Brajkovic. The Croatian has been on trial at Maine Road and, while there is money available to buy new players, Ball said, there is no great haste to spend it.

Brajkovic, a member of the Croatia squad for the European championship, has been on trial for the past week, and is available on a free transfer. Ball watched him in a training match last night and must arrive at a decision before the end of the week.

The manager wondered out loud whether the defender will be suited to the demands of English football. He confessed, however, a need to bring in new players of a certain quality to ensure that his club is prepared for the task of escaping immediately from the Nationwide first division.



Hateley: on loan to Leeds

"I don't know if he has the discipline to play in England. I will have to find that out," Ball said. "But he is a very strong, aggressive defender, and I need that sort of strength in my squad for the challenge ahead."

The first division, he said, is a daunting prospect, not because of the quality of teams but their physical nature. City visit Bolton Wanderers this evening and Ball anticipates a bruising contest, and one to define the rest of the season.

"That is why they call this division such a hard league, not because there are a lot of good teams, but because it is so tough. I will need some depth in my squad, and we must be strong," he said. "In the Premiership, there were only a couple of teams that played differently, but, in the first, there are only maybe five or six teams who will knock it about. The rest will come and challenge us, and we must be prepared for a fight."

Leeds United, already suffering injury problems just one match into the new season, have signed Mark Hateley, the Queens Park Rangers centre forward, on a month's loan. Hateley will go straight into the team for the visit of Sheffield Wednesday tonight.

Leeds have Tony Yeboah sidelined for two months with a knee problem and Brian Deane has joined him in the physiotherapist's room after sustaining thigh and knee injuries against Derby County on Saturday.

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, has opted for Hateley's experience. "Mark will want to show he can still do it in the Premiership, and I'm sure he has the guile and experience to get on well with Ian Rush," he said.

Tim Sherwood, the Blackburn Rovers captain, has been offered a three-year extension to his contract with the Lancashire club. Sherwood is the subject of a £4 million offer from Arsenal, and had talks with Robert Coar, the club chairman, yesterday. Sherwood indicated that he would agree to the new deal, keeping him at the club for the next five years, so long as he joins the top earners at the club.

Meanwhile, Jason Wilcox, the Blackburn winger who only returned to action towards the end of last season, has undergone another knee operation. "This latest operation was simply to remove a piece of gristle from his knee and it looks nothing too serious," Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, said. "He could be back playing in a couple of weeks."

Steve Sedgley, Ipswich Town's record signing, has rejected a new contract with the first division club. Sedgley, 27, who joined Ipswich for £1 million from Tottenham Hotspur two years ago, is holding out for a better deal.

Celtic are keen to raise their profile in Europe by beating Kosice, of Slovakia, to progress in the Uefa Cup

Burns plans game of patience

By Our Sports Staff

TOMMY BURNS, the Celtic manager, has put the record straight on his club's Uefa Cup ambitions after appearing to be more concerned about achieving success in the domestic competitions than making progress in Europe.

"When I said it [the Uefa Cup] was not a priority, some took it that I was not bothered. That is completely untrue," Burns said. "We want to get to the latter stages and get our profile higher than the last few years."

For a major club, Celtic have under-achieved away from the domestic scene. They last reached the quarter-finals of a European competition 16 years ago when Real Madrid were the opposition.

But, in front of a packed and passionate crowd at Parkhead tonight, Celtic hope to progress to the first round of the Uefa Cup at the expense of Kosice, of Slovakia.

The sides are level at 0-0 after the first leg of their qualifying-round tie, but Celtic are quietly confident, even though they will be without three influential players — Simon Donnelly, Phil O'Donnell and Paul McStay.

Donnelly is suspended after being sent off in the first leg. O'Donnell has a thigh strain and McStay is struggling with an ankle injury, which means Morten Wieghorst, the Denmark international, will play a key role. The expensive summer signings, Paulo di Canio and Alan Stubbs, have picked up injuries, but could play.

After seeing his team survive a torrid opening 30 minutes in the first leg, Burns has already mapped out his gameplan. "They will play similar to that game and try and hit us on the break. We will try and impose ourselves on them and give them a taste of what they did to us," he said.

"We will have to play with our heads, but we know we have quality players. We have to score, but we don't need to chase it. We can play the game at a pace that suits us.

"Our fans have learnt to be patient and are prepared for us to wait to play a killer ball. That's a benefit. The stage is set for a tremendous night, with 47,000 fans backing us. It's a stage we want to play on."

The draw for the first round will be made on Friday and, if Celtic need any extra incentive, it is knowing they will be in with the likes of Aston Villa, Newcastle and Arsenal.

Kosice will be without Stefan Karasek and Radoslav Kral, their main central defenders, who are both banned. Jan Kozak, their coach, said: "The Celtic players are used to playing pressure games in front of large crowds — not so our team. This will make it difficult."

Rangers headed for Russia yesterday, via Austria, with a 3-1 lead over Alania Vladikavkaz, hoping to reach the lucrative European Cup Champions' League for the third time in five seasons tomorrow. Rangers are said to be on £30,000-a-man to make it to the group stages, which could be worth more than £5 million to the club.

Richard Gough, the Rangers captain, who suffered a cut to his head against Clydebank last week, came through the 5-2 Bell's Scottish League premier division win over Dunfermline on Saturday and was fit to travel. Smith is hoping Gordon Durie will recover from a chest infection, while Gordan Petric has a slight thigh problem.

Chelsea reject Bolton approach for Hughes

BOLTON WANDERERS have had a sizeable bid for Mark Hughes, the Chelsea striker, turned down. The Nationwide League first division side offered more than £1 million for the Wales international (David Maddock writes).

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, informed his Bolton counterpart, Colin Todd, that he is not prepared to do business. But Todd, with the cash from the £4 million sale of Sasa Curcic to Aston Villa, has not given up hope of bringing Hughes back to the North West.

Alan Ball, the Manchester City manager, confirmed last night that he has made an inquiry for Paul Dickov, the Arsenal reserve striker.

Karel Poborsky, Manchester United's recent acquistion from Slavia Prague, makes his full debut against Everton tomorrow night in place of Roy Keane, who will enter hospital today for a knee operation.

BOWLS

Thomson's quartet scramble to safety

By David Rhys Jones

THE diversity of dress at the women's bowls championships at Royal Leamington Spa — shorts, coloured tops, baseball caps and all — gave way to the more reserved uniforms of England's best men bowlers when the EBA national championships began at Worthing yesterday.

White shirts, white trousers, white shoes: it all made for a monochrome occasion, but the shouts of triumph as bowls achieve what is intended of them, makes Beach House Park an exciting place to be for two weeks in August.

Attracting most attention yesterday was the Blackheath and Greenwich quartet skipped by Andy Thomson, the world outdoor fours and former world indoor singles champion. They looked unbeatable in the opening match, but were forced into an extra end against Nigel Brignall's Nafferton four from Yorkshire in the second round.

Nafferton trailed 18-13 with three ends to play, and were two shots down in the head, when Brignall fired and sent the jack out of bounds. On the replay, the Yorkshiremen scored a four, and added a double to take the lead, 19-18, after 20.

A single to the Kent side tied things up at 19-19, necessitating an extra end, on which Alwyn Baron, the Nafferton second man, played what looked like the match-winning shot. After playing brilliantly throughout, Brignall was unfortunate to move the jack with a good bowl, and Thomson's men escaped, 20-19.

Ron Perry, who plays for Bulmers, needed no champagne. His side from Hereford went down in the first round. So did the Avenue Club from Leamington, whose No 3, Ralph Shakespeare, left his parrot, Henry, at home. Henry, Shakespeare's regular companion, who often sits on his shoulder during county championship matches, was banned from the Avenue club last year, when he was deemed to be a distraction to visiting players.

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IN BRIEF

Faldo rues failure to put pressure on Rose

NICK FALDO travelled to Portland, Oregon, yesterday for a charity event, still reflecting on his failure to record a second victory of the season in the Sprint International in Denver on Sunday.

Three early birdies in the final round had put the Masters champion within three points of the lead in the modified Stableford format, but he played the last holes in even par to fall back into a share of ninth place, eight shots behind Clarence Rose, who defeated Brad Faxon, a fellow American, at the third sudden-death hole to win his first Tour tournament.

Faldo finished 65th in the PGA Championship and failed to take advantage of two generous par fives in this event. "The 1st and 17th were my bogey holes," he said. "This event is all about getting birdies and playing those par fives in level par for the week simply wasn't good enough."

Happy Sampras

Tennis: Pete Sampras, the world No 1, beat Goran Ivanisevic 7-6, 7-5 to win the RCA Championships for the third time in Indianapolis on Sunday. It was his first tournament victory since April. "Whenever you win, it brings you a lot of confidence and that is one thing I was looking for, going into Flushing [the US Open]," Sampras said. "I feel fit and ready to go."

Hague second

Orienteering: Yvette Hague still lies second in the World Cup series with two events remaining, despite finishing sixth in the eighth race at Schallenberg, in Switzerland, yesterday. The Briton must overcome Gunilla Svard, of Sweden, who finished second yesterday, to take the title.

Davenport wins

Tennis: Having beaten Steffi Graf for the first time in the semi-finals on Saturday, Lindsay Davenport, of the United States, went on to beat Anke Huber, another German, in straight sets to take the Acura Classic in Long Beach, California, on Sunday.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 11 Detroit 3; Seattle 13 New York 12; Milwaukee 8 Chicago 7. Toronto 6 Minnesota 2; Oakland 9 Baltimore 6, California 4 Boston 3, Texas 10 Kansas City 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 2 Pittsburgh 1 (in 14 innings); Philadelphia 7 San Francisco 6, Cincinnati 9 Colorado 4; St Louis 5 Florida 3, Chicago 10 Houston 8; San Diego 8 New York Mets 0; Montreal 7 Los Angeles 3

BOWLS

WORTHING: Men's All-England championships: Fours: Preliminary round: Carlisle Courtfield (T Taylor) bt Croydon (D Clark) 25-10; Bath (D Southcombe) bt Bradford-on-Avon (T Mortimer) 25-13; Erdington Court (R Brittan) bt Brinton (G Gilbert) 23-20; Poole Park (R Porter) bt Wellingborough (M Allen) 20-16; Long Eaton Town (M Swift) bt Crediton (I Bond) 15-14. First round: Crittall Silver End (T Pepple) bt Lindfield, Sussex (J Gallelli) 19-17; Hylton Colliery (R Bewick) bt Tottenham GAS (E Hurlock) 23-14, Aldershot Trachon (D Dunford) bt De Havilland, Herts (F Wareham) 24-10, Alnwick (J Hume) bt Coleford (B Uddington) 27-16; Stenalees, Cornwall (M Read) bt Alexandra Park, Dorset (B Sheppard) 19-15; County Arts (B Taylor) bt Bulmer, Hereford (R Perry) 23-22. Denham (K Smith) bt Henlow Park (R Hirst) 22-13, Romsey (G Topham) bt Sackney (R Maxwell) 22-15; Nafferton (N Brignall) bt Erdington Court (R Brittan) 19-18; Blackheath and Greenwich (A Thomson) bt Felixstowe and Suffolk (C Long) 31-20; Cowes Medina (P Dunstan) bt Worksop Cricket and Sports (G Wylie) 23-18; Bath (D Southcombe) bt Leicester (J Rudkin) 22-21; Faringdon (J Stradling) bt Overseal Memorial (T Kirby) 23-13; Carlisle Courtfield (T Taylor) bt Banbury Borough (G Moon) 26-11. City of Exeter (D Joslin) bt Desborough, Northants (J Hall) 29-20; St Peter's Municipal (D Howells) bt Bolton (R Millin) 21-16, Long Eaton Town (M Swift) bt Cleator Moor, Cumbria (C Neen) 21-20 (after extra end). Cutler Hammer Europa (H Brittle) bt Thorpe Recreation (R Field) 22-21; Leominster (D Magness) bt Watchet (N Williams) 22-21 (after extra end); St Andrew's Park and Kildare (P Hughes) bt Springfield Acton (R Deinty) 22-21, Woodbridge Hill (H Craig) bt Saltash (I Spreadborough) 23-15. Avenue, Leamington (N Walker) bt Lincoln Railway (P Gernick) 22-18. Chandos Park (E Hanger) bt Chippenham Town (N Connor) 28-15, March Conservatives (L Miller) bt West Row, Suffolk (P Haylock) 28-4; Shanklin (R Jeffery) bt Connaught, Essex (J Wilson) 20-13; Bexley Hospital (B Warren) bt Haxby Road, York (D Stroughair) 29-4; Nottingham City (H Hill) bt IBM, Hants (I Foster) 27-17, Droitwich Spa (I Jenkins) bt Thatcham (D Crouch) 19-18; Poole Park (R Porter) bt Banbury Borough (C Carpenter) 20-19; Leeholme, Durham (S Williams) bt Buckden (R Coleman) 19-15; Garston (A Briden) bt Hexham Elvaston (J Smiles) 22-21, Kingscroft, Leics (R Huckle) bt Worthing Pavilion (A Vickers) 22-20

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): New Brighton: Cheshire 224-6 (I Cockbain 58, T J Bostock 51) and 81-2 (P R J Bryson 51 not out). Herefordshire 118 (N D Peel 7-67). Dean Park, Bournemouth: Dorset 234-5 (J J E Hardy 107) and 55-1. Berkshire 248-6 (S D Myles 112 not out, J H Shackleton 4-76). Trowbridge: Wales 185-6 and 36-2; Wiltshire 227-4 (S M Perrin 78 not out, J L Taylor 51)

EQUESTRIANISM

VALKENSWAARD, Holland: Pulsar grand prix: 1, Tees Hanauer (R Smith, GB) 4 faults, 50.60sec; 2, Viking Du Tillard (H Godignon, Fr) 4, 53.80; 3, Interpane Adelios (M Fuchs, Switz) 12, 50.70; 6, Abbervail Dream (D Lampard, GB); 10, Grannusch (J Whitaker, GB)

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 0 Arminia Bielefeld 0; St Pauli 1 Bayern Munich 2

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Mouscron 1 Anderlecht 1.

DUTCH SUPERCUP: PSV Eindhoven 3 Ajax 0.

PORTUGUESE SUPER CUP, first leg: Porto 1 Benfica 0

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Friday: River Plate 1 Arg Juniors 1. Saturday: Rosario Central 3 San Lorenzo 1, Sunday: Racing 1 Colon 2; Banfield 0 Belgrano 2, Deportivo Español 1 Boca Juniors 1; Gimnasia Jujuy 2 Newell's 0; Huracan 2 Lanus 1, Estudiantes 1 Gimnasia La Plata 1; Velez 0 Independiente 0

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Atletico Mineiro 3 Parana 1; Atletico Paranaense 3 Bragantino 1; Criciuma 1 Gremio 3, Fluminense 1 Botafogo 1, Goias 1 Vasco da Gama 2; Guarani 1 Santos 1; Internacional 0 Cruzeiro 0, Juventude 1 Sport Recife 1, Palmeiras 5 Coritiba 0, Portuguesa 2 Corinthians 0, Sao Paulo 5 Bahia 2. Vitoria 0 Flamengo 1

GOLF

CASTLE ROCK, Colorado: Sprint International: Leading final scores (Modified stableford format, US unless stated) 31: C Rose 6, 3, 12, 10; B Faxon 6, 6, 12, 7. (Rose won with eagle at third extra hole) 30: B Tway 7, 2, 11, 10; M Bradley 9, 3, 11, 7. 27: T Lehman 7, 4, 8, 8, J Leonard 6, 8, 4, 9. 25: D A Weibring 4, 2, 12, 7. 24: K Perry 11, 0, 7, 6. 23: N Faldo (GB) 6, 4, 8, 5; P Goydos 2, 10, 9, 2; J Cook 10, 8, 3, 2; W Austin 10, 3, 5, 5, B Andrade 7, 9, 3, 4. 22: R Freeman 13, 5, 4, 0; A Magee 2, 8, 9, 3. 21: P Mickelson 5, 9, 5, 2. 19: R Mediate 6, 5, 5, 3, J Furyk 3, 4, 9, 3

HILLSIDE: British mid-amateur championship: Third round: R Roper (Catterick) bt A McLure (Whickham) 2 and 1. J Pounder (Yeovil) bt K Miller (Fulford) 4 and 3. G Bradley (Bramhall) bt T Jackson (Blackburn) 1 hole. G Steel (Moor Park) bt M Briggs (Stoke Poges) 1 hole; M Reynard (Molesey) bt D White (Sutton Coldfield) 2 and 1. D Bicknell (Sundridge Park) bt J Maddock (Gorleston) 2 and 1. W Bladon (Kenilworth) bt I Mackenzie (Hallamshire) 4 and 3; G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) bt S Smith (Duddingston) 7 and 6. Quarter-finals: Roper bt Pounder 3 and 2. Steel bt Bradley 1 hole. Bicknell bt Reynard 4 and 3. Wolstenholme bt Bladon 5 and 4. Semi-finals: Steel bt Roper 3 and 2; Wolstenholme bt Bicknell at 19th. Final: Wolstenholme bt Steel 6 and 5

JERICHO, New York: Long Island classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated) 202: J Bland 70, 66, 66. 205: J Colbert 67, 67, 71. 206: R Floyd 66, 67, 73. 207: M Amano (Japan) 69, 68, 70. J Sigel 67, 67, 73, G Marsh (Aus) 70, 72, 65. Other scores: 210: J Nicklaus 69, 70, 71. 212: R Charles (NZ) 71, 71, 70; B Barnes (GB) 68, 72, 72. 215: L Trevino 69, 73, 73. 220: A Jacklin 72, 70, 78

SLALEY HALL: Northern Electric Seniors: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 209: T Horton 67, 67, 75. 213: N Ratcliffe (Aus) 70, 69, 74, A Garrido (Sp) 68, 74, 71. 214: B Verwey (SA) 72, 69, 73. 215: R Fidler 75, 68, 72. 216: D Dalziel (US) 76, 66, 74, C Evans (US) 73, 68, 75, M Gregson 74, 69, 73. 218: B Waites 73, 72, 73, T Gale (Aus) 72, 74, 72. 219: V Tshabalala (SA) 74, 69, 76; H Fraser (US) 71, 76, 72. 220: D Creamer 73, 71, 76. 221: H Inggs (SA) 77, 75, 69, J Morgan 68, 79, 74; J Rhodes 73, 73, 75. 222: M Bembridge 77, 70, 75, T Grubb 73, 73, 76. 224: J Fourie (SA) 75, 71, 78. 225: R Vines (Aus) 72, 80, 73; D Butler 73, 77, 75, A Croce 79, 70, 76

GLIDING

LASHAM: National junior championships: Third day (198km quad) Hungerford, Calvert, Didcot. 20 completions of 32: 1, D Allison (LS8) 86.9kph, 1,000pts; 2, O Ward (Discus) 82.5, 951; 3, H Rebbeck (Discus) 81.0, 933; 4, J Rebbeck (LS4) 78.5, 915; 5, A Darlington (ASW24), 73.5, 849; 6, M Miller-Smith (Grob Acro) 65.5, 843. Overall positions: 1, Allison 2,968; 2, Ward 2,786; 3, Darlington 2,784; 4, H Rebbeck 2,640; 5, J Rebbeck 2,635; 6, T Goodall (Kestrel) 2,471.

HOCKEY

VUGHT, Holland: Four-nations under-21 tournament: Men (positions after round-robin series): 1, Pakistan 6pts; 2, Germany 4; 3, Holland 4; 4, England 3. Third place play-off: Holland 4 England 1. Final: Pakistan 2 Germany 1 (aet). Women (positions after round-robin series): 1, Holland 9pts; 2, England 6; 3, Germany 1; 4, South Africa 1. Third place play-off: Germany 3 South Africa 0. Final: Holland 2 England 0

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls 26 Halifax Blue Sox 27; St Helens 68 Sheffield Eagles 2. First division: Hull 26 Featherstone 9. Second division: Bramley 20 Doncaster Dragons 24; Hull Kingston Rovers 60 Leigh Centurions 16; Swinton Lions 26 South Wales 16

HALIFAX STUDENT WORLD CUP: Group A: Australia 50 Wales 4 (at Leigh); Russia 57 South Africa 30 (at Featherstone). United States 22 Ireland 20 (at Northampton FC)

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Western Suburbs 23; North Sydney 22

TENNIS

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: Final: A O'Brien (US) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 7-6, 6-4.

INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament: Final: P Sampras (US) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 7-6, 7-5

MANHATTAN BEACH, California: Women's tournament: Final: L Davenport (US) bt A Huber (Ger) 6-2, 6-3

NOTTINGHAM: British junior national championships: Girls: 18 and under: First round: L Deeley (Yorks) bt S Coral (Surrey) 7-5, 6-0; L Naqushbandi (Essex) bt E Jones (South Wales) 6-2, 6-2; L Herbert (Herts) bt C Sewell (Yorks) 6-4, 6-4; H Richardson (Northants) bt C Seal (Leics) 6-3, 7-5; L Davison (Durham and Cleveland) bt C Farrar (Yorks) 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, J Cunliffe (Durham and Cleveland) bt C Salisbury (Leics) 6-2, 7-5. S Lydon (Somerset) bt K Barthelemy (Devon) 6-1, 6-2; K Thomas (South Wales) bt J White (Northants) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, L Latimer (Warks) bt L Collinson (Oxon) 6-3, 6-1; E Langley (Shropshire) bt K Scott (Dorset) 6-3, 6-0; C Aldridge (Hants) bt R Foster (Lancs) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; A Kelynack (Kent) bt Z Slater (Dorset) 6-3, 6-1; N Woodhouse (Norfolk) bt A Williams (Hants) 7-5, 6-1. T Blackburn (Somerset) bt N Farmer (Staffs) 6-2, 6-1; K Sweeting (Cheshire) bt H Wright-Davies (Avon) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, C Lyte (Warks) bt C Carter (Notts) 6-1, 6-2, S Turner (Sussex) bt S Borewell (Durham and Cleveland) 6-2, 6-4; J Smith (Surrey) bt M Hughes (Yorks) 6-1, 0-6, 6-3; N Manley (Sussex) bt A Barnes (Cambs) 6-4, 6-1. G Atherton (Lancs) bt V Hall (Notts) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; T Henderson (Surrey) bt S Wilson (Cheshire) 7-5, 6-3; T Callow (Middlesex) bt M Brown (E Scotland) 6-3, 6-2, L Perkins (Durham and Cleveland) bt C Wallace (Devon) 6-0, 6-1, H Farr (Surrey) bt H Parker (Berks) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; R Hutchins (Surrey) bt N Elmousah (Middlesex) 6-4, 7-5. K Elliot (Herts) bt G Denham (Surrey) 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; C Smura (Lincs) bt J Keene (Warks) 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; K Von Stauffenberg (Hereford and Worcester) bt J Little (Cheshire) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, C Coombes (Kent) bt R Barnes (Cambs) 6-1, 6-2. L Wood (Warks) bt J Hutchinson (Lancs) 7-5, 6-3; R Spencer (Dorset) bt A Keothavong (Middlesex) 7-6, 6-3, J Osman (Sussex) bt C Smith (Herts) 6-3, 6-0

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday August 24

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

	FA PREMIERSHIP	
1	Aston Villa v Derby	1
2	Chelsea v Coventry	1
3	Leicester v Arsenal	2
4	Liverpool v Sunderland	1
5	Newcastle v Sheff Wed	1
6	Nottm F v Middlesbro	1
7	Tottenham v Everton	X
8	W Ham v Southampton	X
	FIRST DIVISION	
9	Bolton v Norwich	2
10	Charlton v West Brom	2
11	C Palace v Oldham	1
12	Ipswich v Reading	1
13	Oxford v Southend	1
14	Sheff U v Birmingham	1
15	Stoke v Man City	X
16	Swindon v Port Vale	1
17	Wolves v Bradford	1
	SECOND DIVISION	
18	Brentford v Luton	X
19	Bristol C v Blackpool	1
20	Burnley v Walsall	1
21	Chesterfield v Bury	1
22	Peterboro v Crewe	X
23	Preston v Bristol R	X
24	Roth'ham v Shr'sbury	1
25	Stockport v Notts Co	2
26	Watford v Millwall	1
27	Wrexham v Plymouth	1
28	Wycombe v Gill'gham	1
29	York v Bournemouth	1
	THIRD DIVISION	
30	Barnet v Wigan	2
31	Cardiff v Brighton	X
32	Carlisle v Hull	1
33	Chester v Cambridge	2
34	Darlington v Swansea	X
35	Exeter v Scarboro	1
36	Hartlepool v Fulham	1
37	Hereford v Doncaster	1
38	Lincoln v Leyton O	2
39	North'pton v Mansf'd	1
	SCOTTISH PREMIER	
40	Hibernian v Dunf'line	1
41	Kilmarnock v Celtic	2
42	Raith v Motherwell	X
43	Rangers v Dundee U	1
	SCOTTISH FIRST	
44	Airdrie v East Fife	1
45	Clydebank v Stirling	1
46	Dundee v G Morton	X
47	Falkirk v Partick	2
48	St Mirren v S Johnst'n	1
	SCOTTISH SECOND	
49	Berwick v Stenh'mue	1

DRAWS (home teams): Tottenham, West Ham, Stoke, Brentford, Peterborough, Preston, Cardiff, Darlington, Raith, Dundee, Wolves, Burnley, Rotherham, Exeter, Hereford, Hibernian, Airdrie

BEST DRAWS: Tottenham, West Ham, Stoke, Brentford, Cardiff

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chelsea, Oxford, Wolves, Rotherham, Exeter. Aways: Arsenal, Wigan, Leyton Orient. Draws:

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

* denotes all-ticket match

Uefa Cup

Qualifying round, second leg

Aberdeen (4) v Zhalgiris Vilnius (1)
Barry (1) v Budapest Vasutas FC (3)
Celtic (0) v FC Kosice (0) (7.45)

FA Carling Premiership

Leeds v Sheff Wed (7.45)

Nationwide League

First division

* Bolton v Man City (7.45)

Coca-Cola Cup

First round, first leg

Brentford v Plymouth (7.45)
Cardiff v Northampton
Carlisle v Chester (7.45)
* Colchester v West Bromwich (7.45)
Darlington v Rotherham
Doncaster v York
Exeter v Barnet (7.45)
Hartlepool v Lincoln
Hereford v Cambridge Utd
Huddersfield v Wrexham (7.45)
Hull v Scarborough
Ipswich v Bournemouth (7.45)
Luton v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Mansfield v Burnley (7.45)
Notts County v Bury (7.45)
Oldham v Grimsby (7.45)
Oxford Utd v Norwich (7.45)
Port Vale v Crewe (7.45)
Portsmouth v Leyton Orient (7.45)
Reading v Wycombe (7.45)
Rochdale v Barnsley (7.45)
Scunthorpe v Blackpool
Swansea v Gillingham
Swindon v Wolverhampton (7.45)
Torquay v Bristol City (7.45)
Walsall v Watford (7.45)
Wigan v Preston (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference

Bromsgrove v Telford (7.45)
Dover v Hayes (7.45)
Farnborough v Kidderminster (7.45)
Halifax v Altrincham (7.45)
Kettering v Welling (7.45)
Slough v Rushden and Diamonds (7.45)
Southport v Stalybridge (7.45)
Woking v Bath (7.45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Gravesend and Northfleet, Dorchester v Cheltenham (7.45). Gloucester City v Merthyr, Gresley v Worcester City, Halesowen v Burton (7.45), Hastings v Ashford; Kings Lynn v Atherstone (7.45). Nuneaton v Newport AFC. Midland division: Bilston v Sutton Coldfield Town, Grantham v Leicester United, Ilkeston v Corby, Moor Green v Stafford Rangers, RC Warwick v Rothwell; Shepshed D v Solihull Boro, Tamworth v Stourbridge. Southern division: Buckingham Town v Cirencester Town; Fisher 93 v Margate; Newport (IoW) v Waterlooville; Trowbridge v Havant, Weston-super-Mare v Weymouth. Witney v Fareham.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Bromley (7.45). Bishop's Stortford v Grays, Boreham Wood v Hitchin; Enfield v Hendon, Heybridge v St Albans, Staines v Kingstonian. Sutton United v Chertsey; Yeading v Oxford City; Yeovil v Dagenham and Redbridge (7.45). First division: Billericay v Walton and Hersham; Canvey Island v Berkhamsted; Leyton Pennant v Abingdon Town, Thame v Maidenhead United. Tooting and Mitcham v Croydon; Bedford T v H Hempstead; Bracknell v Leatherhead; Dorking v Horsham, Edgware v Barking; Egham v Chalfont St Peter; Leighton v Banstead; Tilbury v Metropolitan Police, Ware v Wivenhoe; Wembley v Hungerford. Witham v Windsor and Eton.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier League: Mangotsfield v Bridport; Paulton R v Bristol Manor Farm; Westbury v Backwell.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE. Premier division: Desborough v Ford Sports; Long Buckby v Cogenhoe; Newport Pagnell v Kempston, Stamford v Boston; S/L Corby v Spalding, Stotfold v Eynesbury; Wellingborough v M Blackstone

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Beaconsfield SYCOB v Hillingdon Boro, Brimsdown Res v St Margaretsbury; Hanwell v Brook House; Harefield v Amersham; Islington St Marys v Waltham Abbey

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill v Boldmere S; Coventry Sphinx v Richmond Swifts; Knowle v Kenilworth, Massey Ferguson v Wellesbourne, Southam v Shirley.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v Kintbury, Almondsbury v Tuffley; Banbury v Carterton; Bicester v Burnham

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood H v Burscough. Glossop North End v Blackpool Rovers; Holker Old Boys v Atherton Collieries. Mossley v St Helens, Nantwich v Newcastle Town; Trafford v Penrith; Vauxhall GM v Salford

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover v Ryde Sports, BAT v Petersfield. Bemerton Heath v East Cowes; Bournemouth v Aerostructures. Gosport v Lymington, Wimborne town v Totton.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Portfield; Hailsham v and Telscombe v Mile Oak; Ringmer v Langney Sports; Shoreham v Pagham; Wick v Selsey

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND FOOTBALL ALLIANCE: Barwell v Boldmere St M; Blakenhall v Rocester; Bridgnorth v W Midland Police; Halesowen H v Stratford T; Knypersley V v Bloxwich Town, Pelsall V v Sandwell; Rushall O v Oldbury U; Shifnal T v Chasetown; Stapenhill v Hinckley Athletic; Willenhall v Pershore T.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham v Greenwich; Chatham v Whitstable. Deal v Faversham; Furness v Corinthian, Herne Bay v Folkestone Invicta; Ramsgate v Hythe; Slade Green v Cray, Thamesmead v Woolwich.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Kidmore End: Berkshire v Oxfordshire. Marlow: Buckinghamshire v Lincolnshire. Toft: Cheshire v Shropshire. Truro: Cornwall v Devon. Kington: Herefordshire v Wales. Long Marston: Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire. Jesmond: Northumberland v Cumberland. Brewood: Staffordshire v Bedfordshire. Mildenhall: Suffolk v Norfolk. Trowbridge: Wiltshire v Dorset.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Ilford: Essex v Hampshire. Swansea: Glamorgan v Warwickshire. Eltham: Kent v Durham. Hinckley: Leicestershire v Somerset. Lensbury CC: Middlesex v Derbyshire. Horsham: Sussex v Nottinghamshire. Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Surrey. Elland: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX STUDENT WORLD CUP: Group C: England v Scotland (at

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RESULTS

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

Date	Company name	Venue	Score
24 JUN	BP OIL (UK) LTD A WHITTEN 35 M HILL 32 * S MCALISTER 36 * J WARD 36	ROCKMOUNT	139
15 JUL	ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE (HEAD OFFICE) P RISNALL 43 G DICKENS 38 I BOWDEN 37 P ROBATHAN 36	KINGSDOWN	154
19 JUL	LINCOLN NATIONAL J LAND 46 J SMALLWOOD 41 D PALMER 39 J CRAGGS 37	MOOR ALLERTON	163
26 JUL	DRAKES GROUP LTD P SIMCOX 36 D SIMCOX 35 * A SHEPHERD 42 * J EAST 38	NAZEING	151
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5 AUG	ICL FINANCIAL SERVICES D ANDREWS 31 * P WILLIAMSON 34 * K BERLEY 30 * C MCGILL 30	THE OXFORDSHIRE	125
8 AUG	EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT G HOFMANN 37 K BROWN 40 * A ACKERMAN 42 * G PYLE 41	BREADSALL PRIORY	160
8 AUG	REGENCY OFFICE SYSTEMS PLC D NEALE 31 * M EAGLING 43 * J HARRINGTON 42 * B WRIGHT 39	BROOKMANS PARK	155
8 AUG	ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE (SWINDON) M BOWLES 38 P YOUNG 37 D PYM 33 G WEBB 33	NEWBURY & CROOKHAM	141
9 AUG	DERRY LANDSCAPES & GARDEN DESIGN P JEPSON 37 S [illegible] 43 B MASKILL 39 C BROWN 36	FOREST PARK	155
9 AUG	DUN & BRADSTREET M JACKSON 40 S BENNETT 37 P LLOYD 36 * K WILLIAMS 40	PINNER HILL	153
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11 AUG	AMOCO (UK) EXPLORATION COMPANY D SHAW 40 R MORRISON 40 B [illegible] 39 * B SKINNER 40	INVERURIE	159
11 AUG	THE LAMP COMPANY A WHITELAW 41 I FURSLAND 40 T DYSON 35 * M KELLY 36	CHESFIELD DOWNS	152
12 AUG	ARTHUR ANDERSEN N SEDDON 40 C DEMPSTER 36 * M TAYLOR 36 * S [illegible] 26	MOOR PARK	138
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Pessoa enjoys his new lease of life

TOPHAM PICTUREPOINT

An anxious glance, but Pessoa clears another fence on his way to victory in 1965

Andrew Longmore tells how, at 60, the Brazilian defied the years to win the Hickstead Derby 31 years after his last triumph

IF LESTER PIGGOTT had won the Derby at the same age or Fred Winter the Grand National, belief would have been suspended for the day and legend mistaken for fantasy. For Nelson Pessoa, winning the Hickstead Derby at the age of 60, on *Vivaldi*, a horse aged 19 — 76 in human years — changed little apart from the number of noughts on his bank balance. The £40,000 first prize compares favourably, allowing for inflation, with the cheque for £200 won on his last Derby victory 31 years ago.

Yesterday, the Brazilian was back at his continental home outside Brussels in time for his staple lunch of salmon and salad, the only visible sign of the new regime imposed after his heart attack last November. Pessoa weighs 10st 6lb and looks not a day over 40. But the most remarkable fact about a victory which reduced the gnarled old oaks of showjumping to emotional saplings was that it was a result based on logic, not some fairy-tale fluke.

Douglas Bunn, the owner of Hickstead and not a man to let a lifelong friendship influence his head in matters of money, chose Pessoa in the office sweepstake on the night before the final and is still waiting for his £80 winnings.

"I knew he had a chance when I rang him two weeks before the Derby to ask if he would be bringing Vivaldi," Bunn recalled. "He had only been back from the Olympics two hours, but he said he would call back in two hours and tell me. He duly called back, said he had given Vivaldi a gallop and he would be ready for Hickstead. That's typical Nelson. He's the best horseman in the world, but if he had taken up motor racing, he would have been the best Formula One driver in the world. He's tough."

No one, not even the doctor who guided Pessoa's recovery from a heart attack late last year, could have known quite how tough. When most felt the end of a distinguished career was nigh, Pessoa himself was calculating how long it would take him to resume competition. The thought of riding the equally venerable, equally tough, Derby specialist, Vivaldi, to victory in front of Bunn and the Hickstead faithful was just one of the lures which led him through a three-month period of recuperation and a strenuous fitness regime.

> 'A near vertical bank that most would be happy to negotiate from their armchairs'

"You know if you are 60 and you feel 60 that is terrible," Pessoa said. "But if you are 60 and you feel 40, that is the secret of keeping young. What is important is not the age, it's the weight." After his heart problems, Pessoa worked out once every two days for three months, changed his diet and, though never a roly-poly, lost four kilos. His confidence was not so easily restored.

"I had to prove to my owners and people in my stable that I could still do it. With my age and my heart, they began to say 'it's not possible'. But, more important, I had begun to doubt myself. I had to prove to myself I could still do it. It's like St Thomas, I had to see it to believe it."

Many at Hickstead on Sunday might have said the same about the near faultless performance of Pessoa. Only a fractional mistake at the Dyke robbed the pair of what would have been only the 39th clear round in the 35-year history of the event.

By the end of the round, Pessoa's heart monitor read 163 beats a minute, near enough to the maximum for a 60-year-old, while Age Concern might have asked the BBC to put a health warning on his descent of the notorious Derby Bank.

If the Derby is showjumping's equivalent of the Grand National, the Bank is Hickstead's Becher's Brook, a 10ft 6in drop down a near vertical bank, which most would be happy to negotiate from the comfort of their armchairs at any stage of life, let alone a time when a quick spin down the motorway constitutes an adrenalin rush. Pessoa will have nothing of such bravado. "Anyone in the world can sit on a good horse and go down there," he said. Which brings us to the real star, Vivaldi himself.

"I have to look after him, just like I do myself," Pessoa said. "I have a proper programme for him. Derbies are his class, he loves them, so he just competes in those. I don't mess with him in small competitions. I felt when I arrived at Hickstead that he was in good form and my confidence grew through the week. He was brilliant."

Not a month ago, Pessoa was pictured rushing into the showjumping ring in Atlanta to acclaim a clear round by his 23-year-old son, Rodrigo, which brought Brazil the bronze medal, the nation's first in an equestrian event. Pessoa was the trainer of the team. "That was harder because it was my son. When you are riding, there is no time for emotion."

There was time for plenty in the aftermath of victory. Pessoa was enveloped in a bearhug by Bunn and feted by the crowd of 18,000 who instinctively understood the enormity of the achievement. Pessoa and Vivaldi could be back next year in defence of their title. "I have to keep riding," Pessoa said. "If I ride I keep fit — and I don't have to do all those exercises."

JULIAN HERBERT

Pessoa, on Vivaldi, seals a remarkable double at Hickstead on Sunday

BADMINTON

Baddeley takes firm stance as he rebuilds

By Richard Eaton

STEVE BADDELEY, the highest-paid and most talented manager to have been appointed by England, has omitted several well-known names from England's training squads, the formation of which was his first important decision since taking up the role of director of elite play last month.

Baddeley, one of England's two most successful men's singles players since the war, is widely regarded as one of the few with the ability to put England back on the international map after a decade of decline, and has shown immediately how firm-minded he can be.

There is no elite squad place for Gillian Gowers, a former All-England finalist in women's and mixed doubles, nor for Alison Humby, who in February played a significant part in getting England to the Uber Cup finals, while the well-known partnerships of Quinn and Cottrill, and Pearson and Anderson, have, been split.

There are no places for Neil Cottrill, or James Anderson, who are placed for observation in a reserve squad, along with Anders Nielsen, the former English national champion, who had originally said that he would retire after having knee operations. Baddeley knows that he must build immediately for the future.

ELITE SQUADS: Men: S Archer (Worcestershire), D Hall (Essex), C Hunt (Lancashire), P Knowles (Kent), I Pearson (Essex), N Ponting (Gloucestershire), J Quinn (Middlesex), J Robertson (Northants) Women: N Beck (Buckinghamshire), J Bradbury (Oxfordshire) J Davies (Lincolnshire), T Groves (Sussex), J Mann (Warwickshire), J Muggeridge (Kent), J Wright (Sussex)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *39*

CASABIANCA

(b) At the Battle of the Nile (1798). Louis Casabianca, Captain of the French flagship *L'Orient* (120 guns), gallantly fought his ship to the end, although the Admiral had been killed. His 13-year-old son, Giacomo Jocante, refusing to leave him, perished with his father. "The boy stood on the burning deck/ Whence all but he had fled;/ The flame that lit the battle's wreck/ Shone round him o'er the dead."

SABRINA

(b) The Roman name of the River Severn. According to Geoffrey of Monmouth (*Historia Britonum*), and not a reliable witness, it comes from Sabre, daughter of Locrin and his concubine Estrildis, whom he married after divorcing Guendoloena. This early Brit Gwendolyn, the ex-Queen, gathered and army and slew Locrin. She threw Estrildis and Sabre into the Severn. Nereus took pity on Sabrina and made her the river goddess. Which seems hard luck on Estrildis.

DOVERCOURT

(a) A confused gabble, a babel. According to legend, Dovercourt church in Essex once possessed a cross that spoke, at any rate to Essex man and woman. Foxe says that the crowd in the church was so great "that no man could shut the door". Dovercourt also seems to have been noted for its scolds and chattering women. "And now the rood of Dovercourt did speak,/ Confirming his opinions to be true."

REPENTER CURLS

(a) The long ringlets of a woman's hair. In French *les repenties* are girls doing penitence for their misdemeanours. Mary Magdalene had such long hair that she wiped off her tears from the feet of Jesus therewith. Hence the association of long curls and reformed (*repenties*) prostitutes.

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BASEBALL: SAD DECLINE PITCHES ABBOTT INTO MINOR LEAGUES

California's fallen Angel discovers door to the basement thrown open

By Keith Blackmore

JIM ABBOTT pitched for Vancouver, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the weekend. At 28 he was unusually old to be making his debut in triple-A baseball — one level below the major leagues — but his arrival on the mound was to be no cause for celebration.

Instead it began the sad and perhaps final chapter of a story that has been one of the most uplifting in the history of American sport. Abbott pitched six innings on Saturday, gave up three runs and had been replaced by the time his team won 8-6. It was a far cry from his last debut in 1989, when he took the mound as only the fifteenth man to go straight from college into major league baseball since the sport began its amateur draft system in 1965.

After pitching the United States to Olympic gold in Seoul in 1988, Abbott was snapped up by the California Angels and thrown in the deep end. He not only kept his head above water, but he thrived. And all with just one hand.

Abbott has never made much of being born without a right hand — but his success in overcoming the handicap has made him a national celebrity. "Growing up, I always pictured myself as a baseball player," he said. "I can't remember how many hands I had in my dreams."

Determination and a 95mph fastball made him a hot prospect among big league scouts, who soon saw the effectiveness of Abbott's practice of balancing his fielding glove on his right forearm while he pitched, then swiftly putting it on in case the ball was hit back to him. And in the American League, the problem of hitting was neatly sidestepped by a rule allowing a substitute (a designated hitter) for pitchers.

Durability and success on the mound were matched by want to be remembered as a pitcher," he said. "Because of playing with one hand, people have given me that hero label and they tend to give me a little more credit than I deserve."

Nevertheless, a hero he became. As one writer put it: "It's impossible to watch Jim Abbott pitch without thinking: 'What's holding *me* back?'" His disability was all but forgotten in 1991 when he won 18 games and earned a place in the All-Star team. The New York Yankees had seen enough and signed him on a 1994 Abbott pitched a no-hitter for the Yankees against Cleveland, a feat that put him on *Late Night with Letterman*.

Another move followed, to the Chicago White Sox, before, last July, he returned to the Angels, riding high as runaway leaders of the American League West. The Angels instantly sold an extra 2,000 tickets to his first game.

But the team lost a 12-game lead and its apparently certain place in the play-offs. Abbott did enough to earn an offer of $9.5 million (about £6.3 million) for three seasons with the decided to stay in Anaheim for less (a paltry $7.8 million).

This season, though, his famous fastball has deserted him. Defeat followed defeat and, by the time of his demotion, his record had fallen to one win and 15 losses. The Angels decided to send him where he had always seemed too good to go, the minor leagues with Vancouver, a feeder team for the Angels. Abbott took the news with typical style: "If the club thinks it's better off without you, you swallow hard and accept it. Right now

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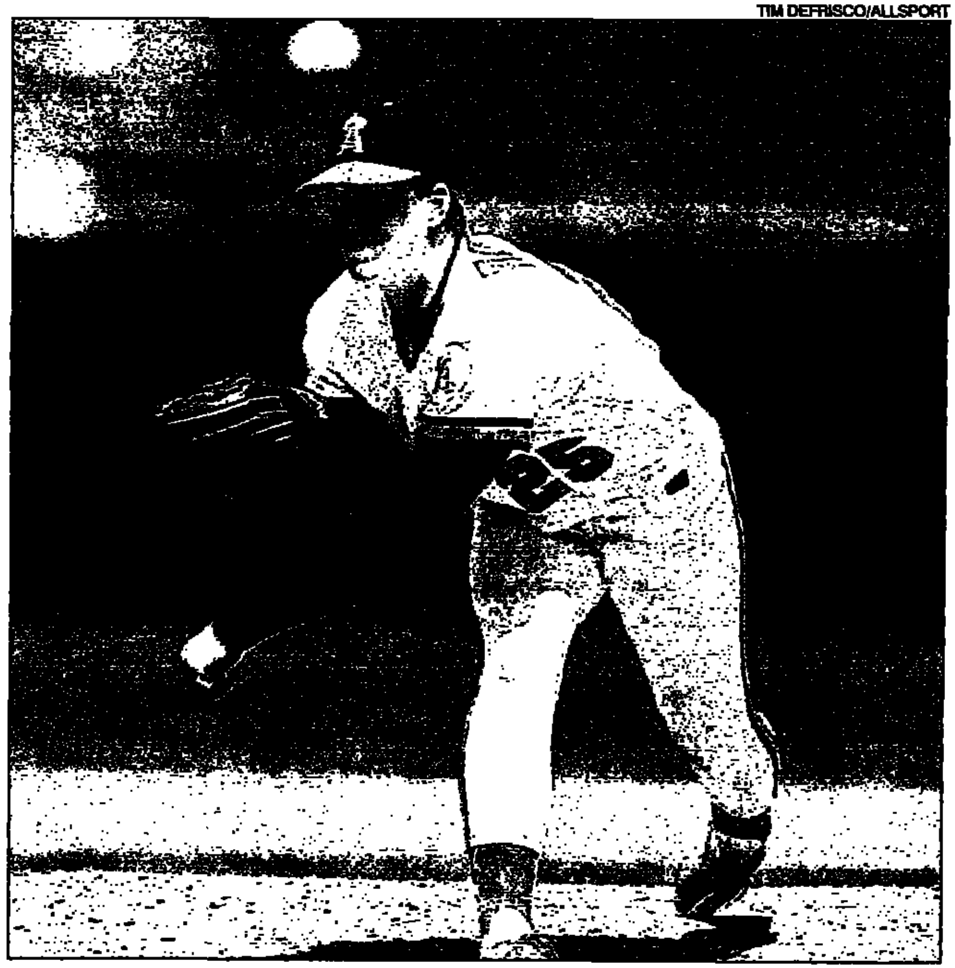

Abbott, who overcame being born with no right hand to become a national celebrity

RADIO CHOICE

Just a word in your ear

Word of Mouth. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

Worldly wise and wordly wise. Russell Davies's linguistic tour of New York is a treat and a half. Most of it is as funny-ha-ha as it is funny peculiar. For example: the new "in" word of 1990 was "Bushlips" from the presidential "Watch my lips". In 1992, "Mouse potato" was the computer addict's equivalent of the couch potato. "Snapping" is a game in which cheerful insults are exchanged ("Your mother is so old that she was a waitress at the Last Supper"). Between them, Davies and an eminent Manhattan lexicographer are lost for words to describe both a huddle of workers smoking outside a no-smoking zone, and the activity itself. Suggestions to the entertaining Russell Davies, BBC Broadcasting House, London IA IAA.

Relative Values. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

Michael O'Donnell is back with more investigations into family traumas. It's like walking on eggs and trying not to crack any. The story of the Richards of Streatham implicitly carries a warning to parents to think hard before they do anything to wreck a marriage. Husband and wife split up over another woman. Their son Scott, 13, went to live with his father and then got in with the wrong crowd, robbed a couple of newsagents, then returned to the old family home and threatened his mother with a gun ("You're dead, you bitch!") and robbed her. He spent a year behind bars. His mother has been imprisoned by fear for longer than that. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Dave Pearce **9.00** Simon Mayo**11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Clive Warren **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Cling Film **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **4.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** Bob Holness and Friends **9.00** Rip It Up! **10.00** Thicker than Water. Sarah Kennedy talks to Ronnie Corbett, OBE, and his younger brother Alan **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester, incl at **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck, with Philippa Lamb **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** The Tuesday Match: Leeds v Sheffield Wednesday, live from Elland Road With commentary from Mark Pougatch. Includes news of the Uefa and Coca-Cola Cups **10.05** News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy **10.35** Radio 5 Live at the Fringe **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Anything Goes **8.15** Off the Shelf: *Washington Square* (2/10) **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Exit — Pursued by a Bear **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **9.45** Good Books **10.05** Business **10.15** Brain of Britain **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian Feature **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Counterpoint **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.30** Counterpoint **9.01** Proms '96 **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Pop the Question **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Nick Bailey **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Czerny (Piano Concerto in A minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Jindrich Feld (Flute Sonata) **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March in D); Walton (Cello Concerto); Khachaturian (Spartacus — Ballet Suite No 2); Glazunov (The Seasons) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (**FM**) / Robin Banks (**AM**) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Penny Gore. Delius (String Quartet), Torelli (Concerto in D for two trumpets); Nielsen (Little Suite for strings); Scarlatti (Sonata in A Kk404), Hovhaness (Alleluia and Fugue for strings), Matteis (Suite in C minor)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Handel (Coronation Anthem No 1, Zadok the Priest); Kodaly (Hungarian Rondo); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Introduced by Piers Burton-Page. Includes Anthony Collins (Vanity Fair); Schumann (Kreisleriana); William Lawes (Four Herrick settings) **10.47** *Proms Artist of the Week*. Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin. Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G, K216) **11.15** Veldhuis (Goldrush), Tischauser (The Beggar's Concerto); Massenet (Meditation, Thais)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Alban Berg

1.00 Ulster Orchestra, under Nicholas Braithwaite. Hugh Tinney, piano. Honnegger (Symphony No 2); Dvořák (Piano Concerto in G minor); Sibelius (Symphony No 5)

2.40 Ensemble: Beethoven and his Contemporaries. Paul Hindmarsh introduces a concert recorded last year as part of the Sheffield Chamber Music Festival. Peter Hill and Benjamin Frith, piano duet. Beethoven (Three Marches, Op 45). The Lindsay Quartet Hummel (String Quartet in G, Op 30 No 2) (3/4) (r)

3.25 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic, under Vassily Sinaisky. With Mayumi Fujikawa, violin, Timothy Hugh, cello, and Howard Shelle, piano. Beethoven (Triple Concerto in C); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Luke Cresswell

5.15 In Tune. Telemann (Overture Suite in G); Mozart, arr Wendt (Die Entfuhrung aus dem Serail, excerpts); Respighi (Deita Silvane); Jonathan Dove Figures in the Garden)

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Thomas Stacey, cor anglais, the New York Philharmonic, under Kurt Masur. Strauss (Til Eulenspiegel); Ned Rorem (Cor Anglais Concerto) **8.15** America's Oldest Orchestra **8.35** *Proms Part 2*. Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)

9.45 Reading Keats. Paul Bailey reads a letter from Keats to Benjamin Bailey (2/5) (r)

10.00 Mass for the Visitation. Rufus Miller and John Potter, tenors, Richard Wistreich, bass, Chant Choir, under Stephen Cleobury. Vernit (Missa concertanta octavi toni; Ah! hornda bella) (r)

10.45 John Keats: The Posthumous Life. With contributions from Marilyn Butler, Andrew Bennett, Christina Gee, Nicholas Roe and Anthony Hyde (r)

11.30 Composer Of the Week: Beethoven (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, *with Digby* Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Diary of a Nobody (2/5) (r) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00 News; The Big White (FM). The travel writer Sara Wheeler visits Antarctica

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Word of Mouth. See Choice **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Deep Season: Soundings. Jonathan Raban introduces the final part of his personal anthology of the greatest writing on the sea (3/3)

2.30 Just the Part. Rodney Miles talks to six opera singers about their favourite roles. This week the countertenor James Bowman talks about *singing Oberon in Benjamin Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream*

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Sheena MacDonald reads Edna O'Brien's novel *Down by the River* and reports on the Martha Graham Dance Co

4.45 Short Story: Mackerel Fishing, by Melissa Murray. Read by Robert Harper

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 A Whole New Ball Game. A comedy about football, faith and family by Martin Davies. 4: 'How Was It for You?' With Desmond Barrit and Brenda Blethyn (4/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Relative Values. See Choice

8.00 Science Now, with Alun Lewis (r)

8.30 Being American. Simon Parkes talks to citizens who are still committed to the American dream. 2: In North Carolina, and in the oldest African American summer resort, he discovers that an American family that summers together, stays together (2/4)

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Washington Square. Tom Wilkinson reads Henry James's story (7/10)

11.00 Mediumwave. A roundup of the week's events in the media (r)

11.30 Mirrored in Music. The flautist Elena Duran chooses the music that best portrays the passion of her native country, Mexico (3/6) (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Slaughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vonnegut. Abridged by David Buck and read by Bob Sherman (2/10) (r) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO**

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Yorkshire ways with criminals and sheep

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Having championed **Out of the Blue** (BBC1) in its first series, I now feel curiously defensive when people criticise the second. Derivative? Childish? Overly aggressive? Oh yeah? Well, just take off those glasses and say that. *Out of the Blue* may fancy itself a bit much, but it is still the best of the *Cracker* contenders: it's soppy and well acted and brilliantly moody, with actors cast principally for the quality of their frowns. The only aspect of the series I can't abide is the long, self-conscious *NYPD* opening shot each week when the camera dodges around a busy crime scene, eavesdropping momentarily on each conversation in turn, like a dog spoilt for lamp-posts.

"So you were just sitting on the wall, Mr Dumpty?" says beautiful Becky (a police car light flashing behind her curly auburn hair). A *siren rings out: the camera pans* sharply. "Anyone got it in for Dumpty round here? Smashed a lot, was he?" barks black Bruce, briefly in shot. A witness shakes his head: "He was a bit full of himself." "These king's horses, how are they supposed to help?" asks timid Tony, wincing as he tries to lift his foot free of egg-white. "Can't make an omelette any other way," sneers mad Marty, opening a car door and pulling his coat around his legs. "Does nobody want this?" asks light-fingered Lew, dropping vital teaspoon evidence in his pocket, just as the camera pirouettes on the spot and finally faints from over-excitement.

Last night's story involved a male rape on a council estate, and arguably overreached itself — the final explanation for the rape was bizarre and unconvincing: the rape victim was too thinly sketched. Crazed by his ordeal, he burnt his furniture in the front garden and stripped the walls. Meanwhile DS Tony (or was it Ron?) got upset. When the rape victim is a lassie, he said, he could assure her of his protection, but with a man — what *could he say to a man?*

DI Eric listened sympathetically, of course, because he is the most understanding boss in the world. But this protect-the-lassie stuff was eyewash. DI Eric is too soft by half, if you ask me. His desk must be littered with sick notes. "Marty could not attend the office today, he woke up with snuffles, signed Marty's Mum."

Elsewhere on telly last night, *Germaine Greer imagined* she was Prime Minister for Channel 4 (**If I Were Prime Minister**), and took the task too seriously, in my view. In this well-advertised piece, she proposed all sorts of radical policies, including the branding of criminals instead of their incarceration and a state wage for allotment-owners. More *radically still, she would remove* men from the family, and let them serve a *residual defence role* — rather like the protect-the-lassie idea in *Out of the Blue*.

This would let the men off the hook (they don't like children really), and free the women to have a nice time together with their kids. Having glimpsed men around infants (in public parks), Greer had concluded they were not fit for fatherhood in any case.

I had not seen *If I Were Prime Minister before and* was confused by the sweeping nature of these policies, and also the quasi-serious manner in which they were discussed. I mean, there's no point having absolute power, obviously, if all you can think of is abolishing pop socks. But on the other hand, if the satirical essayist is allowing her reforming megalomania free rein, why does she have to test her theories against academics and professionals, who point out the *practical flaws?*

Amazingly, Greer allowed herself to be corrected — she sat back and took it. This really was a funny old 30 minutes, as I may have said. In an interesting encounter in a pub, a former convict assured her that branding criminals wouldn't work in the rather innocent way she envisaged — with society declining lifts home from men marked "R" (for "rapist"). Oh no. The criminal shook his head. The result of wearing a brand would be *lynching, he said. Which rather* suggested that Greer was right: fear of lynching would be an excellent deterrent, surely.

Being in the North for a fortnight, I thought it only polite to watch **Dale's Diary** (Yorkshire). Needing some light relief from rape was reason enough, in any case. *Dale's Diary — which opens each week with grass-*green shots of sheep, fells, a bridge, a cow, more sheep, a shady path and another little bridge with sheep on it — almost never deals with the issue of rape, I fancy. Sheep are its mainstay, in case you couldn't guess. A typical line from presenter Luke Casey is "Still on the subject of sheep". Not interested in sheep? Then don't watch *Dale's Diary*. But Luke Casey is a living embodiment of the great *Johnsonian truth, when a man is* tired of sheep he's tired of life.

Last night's items included a *feature about the Dales Way* and a mad scheme to rebuild an old *railway viaduct, but the star item* still involved woolly items that went "Baah". "Dales folk are no different from everybody else when it comes to summer sports like cricket and tennis on the television," said Luke, leaning on a stout, fell-walker's stick. "But mention a top-class sheep show and all other types of competition pale into insignificance."

If I were Prime Minister, I would make everyone watch *Dale's Diary*: society would be cured of many ills in an instant. Swalesdale tups and ewes winning rosettes: proud but laconic owners pocketing prizes with a gruff "Kyou". It makes you realise how horribly over-stimulating television so often is.

● *Matthew Bond is on holiday*

6.00am Business Breakfast (89372) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (10643) **9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (2772117)

9.20 NEW **Do You Want a Smack?** (1/7) *Kriss Akabusi presents a show to help parents and children deal with family stress. (7399488)*

9.50 Gourmet Ireland (s) (5733488)

10.20 FILM: The Bulldog Breed (1960). Navy and space-race set farce with Norman Wisdom. Directed by Robert Asher. Includes news at **11.00** (b/w) (10308204)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1425204)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4695407)

12.35 Neighbours *(Ceefax) (s) (6426310)*

1.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (13730) **1.30 Regional News and Weather** (42717759)

1.40 Small Talk (r) (Ceefax) (s) (58756865) **2.10 Lovejoy** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3005925) **3.05 Unspeakable Verse** (r) (s) (7539001) **3.20 The Flying Doctors** (Ceefax) (s) (9027198) **4.50 Knots Landing** (r) (s) (1154515)

5.35pm Neighbours. Can Cheryl keep her promise to Brett? (r) (Ceefax) (s) (95098)

6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (339)

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7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money. Vanessa Feltz challenges the polo set to tell a bottle of "Bolly" from supermarket champagne (Ceefax) (s) (7049)

7.30 EastEnders. Matters take an unexpected turn for the Walford Six (Ceefax) (s) (575)

8.00 CHOICE ***Dawn to Dusk Safari:* Paddling the Zambezi.** *Jonathan Scott's African safari takes in the famous Zambezi river (Ceefax) (s) (3469)*

***8.30* Goodnight Sweetheart: Let Yourself Go.** Yvonne thinks she may be pregnant (r) *(Ceefax) (s) (5204)*

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (3204)

9.30 Out of This World. Carol Vorderman and Chris Choi explore the paranormal. Choi investigates the ghostly photograph of a girl in a blazing building and there is new evidence to reveal whether premonitions can come true (Ceefax) (s) (753407)

10.15 FILM: Dick Tracy (1990). The Chester Gould comic-strip classic is transferred to live action in spectacular fashion. Warren Beatty in the title role, Madonna as the delightfully named Breathless Mahoney and Al Pacino's parodic portrayal of the megalomaniac gangster Big Boy Caprice are just three examples of the strong characterisation of the film Directed by Warren Beatty (Ceefax) (s) (414662)

11.55 FILM: Heaven Can Wait (1978). Romantic comedy about an American footballer who is whisked off to heaven after a road accident. Unfortunately while he is waiting to be reincarnated, his body is cremated and he is sent back to earth in the body of a recently murdered millionaire. With Warren Beatty, Julie Christie, Jack Warden, Charles Grodin, Dyan Cannon, Buck Henry, Vincent Gardenia and James Mason. Directed by Warren Beatty (Ceefax) (544662)

1.35am Weather (6645334)

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6.00am Open University: Light in Search of a Model (3544846) **6.25** Listening in the Dark (3556681) **6.50** Organic Chemistry (2431339) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax) (6872662)

7.30 Charlie Chalk (7216907) **7.45 Lassie** (1604223) **8.10 Smurfs' Adventures** (5215846) **8.35 Get Your Own Back** (7484169) **9.05 Spiderman** (2762730) **9.25 Global Gatecrash** (7305049) **9.50 Puppydog Tales** (3996914)

10.00 Playdays (7933594) **10.25 Man in a Suitcase** (Ceefax) (2605914) **11.15 The Addams Family** (Ceefax) (8336730) **11.40 The Phil Silvers Show** (9392335) **12.05pm Danger Theatre** (6653204) **12.30 Postcards from Down Under** (39681) **1.00 Charlie Chalk** (45742049) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (24764846) **1.25 Menus and Music** (45721556)

1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show *(8892407)* **2.20 Crawshaw Paints in Oils** *(87158372)* ***2.45 Understanding Cats*** (4215136) **3.00 News** (1504662) **3.05 *The Natural World*** *(1675285)* **3.55 News** (3189933)

4.00* Cartoon** *(5338020)* ***4.05* The Family Ness** (5337391) **4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie** *(2859223)* **4.30 Ocean Odyssey** (Ceefax) (488) **5.00 *Newsround *(Ceefax) (3932317)* ***5.10*** **Byker Grove** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4141827)

5.35 Paralympics. Day four from Atlanta features more track, field and pool events (154204)

6.20 Star Trekkers. Roseanna Cunningham, MP, reveals her feelings for Lieutenant Worf (s) (839827)

6.30 Star Trek: The Man Trap. Captain *James Tiberius Kirk takes command of* the *USS Enterprise* (901469)

7.20* Student *Choice '96: Money *(s)* (612407)

7.30 Black Britain with Rianna Scipio (Ceefax) (s) (117)

Guide leader Marilyn Tucker (8pm)

8.00 CHOICE ***Picture This: The Chiff-*Chaff Chums.** A Grimsby Girl *Guide troop makes its annual camp* (Ceefax) (s) (4339)

8.30 Tracks *(Ceefax)* (s) (3846)

9.00 Lonesome Dove: Plains. (3/4) Gus tries to comfort a devastated Lorena (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2575)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (629317)

***11.15* Edinburgh Nights.** Featuring an interview with the distinguished director Bernardo Bertolucci (s) (115778)

12.05am Grace Under Fire (5899063)

12.30 The Learning Zone: *Princes and* Peoples (48402) **1.00** Images of the Cosmos (12150) **1.30** Children and New Technology (36228) **2.00** Summer *Nights: Book Lover Collections 2* (53179) **4.00** Languages: Buongiorno Italia/Diez *Temas/ Spanish Globo* (43605)

CHOICE

Dawn to Dusk Safari:
Paddling the Zambezi
BBC1, 8.00pm

"Sheer terror and just a little bit of heaven" murmurs the unflappable Jonathan Scott, emerging from a violent whitewater rush just below Victoria Falls. Then he settles back into quieter waters — with just the whisper of canoe paddles and amiable little jokes and observations exchanged with guide John Stevens. In this final programme they bump about among partially hidden hippos and are jolted by an elephant herd splashing, *trunks telescoped*, to the opposite bank. Nothing really dramatic happens — unless you count a sudden whip-around sandstorm and some rather menacing *buffaloes* — and everything they glimpse seems beautiful. Concludes Jonathan: "When *Livingstone saw Victoria Falls his* dream of bringing commercial trade into the *heart of Africa evaporated. He wrote that* 'scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon *by angels in their flight.' He was right.*"

Picture This: The Chiff-Chaff Chums
BBC2, 8.00pm

Every so often, even in the dog days of August, a small unassuming programme comes along which radiates the "feel-good factor" without even trying. Lorraine Charker's first network film is one such. The Guides form "the largest female club in the world" (well I never) and Chiff-Chaff is the name of just one campsite upon which, in May, 55 chattering Guides descended with their leaders. Marilyn (nicknamed "Flash") and her chum Jane are both housewives and mums who see the Guides as a chance to "get away, *help* others, have fun and give something back to society". Moving mountains of tins, mallets and *blankets they* help the girls settle into their tents until reveille. The code is: "I trust you to keep your promise as a Guide and do a good turn every day." I'll bet they do, too.

The Politician's Wife: *Stand By Him*
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Writer Paula Milne admits that it wasn't easy to sell this three-part drama about adultery in high places and how it affects a stiff upper-lipped Tory wife. But commissioning editor Peter Ansorge jumped at it — impressed, he says, by the revolutionary opening scenes (revolutionary in terms of television writing). He was soon vindicated: the trilogy, first shown last year, went on to win major awards including Bafta ("Best Drama") and an *International* Emmy. Looking at it again, it's hard to imagine anyone but Juliet Stevenson playing Flora, neat in her twinset and pearls, as she *defends her philandering husband (Trevor* Eve at his most nauseous) to the press and on *television.*

True Stories: Hit and Run
Channel 4, 10.15pm

This grim documentation of the effects of brain injury recalls the recent play *Some Kind of Life* and how close that fiction came to the real thing. In an apparently racially motivated hit and run "accident" *Australian* teenager Linc Beswick ran down Billal Eter, the middle son in a lively Lebanese family. "Tribal" banter in their Sydney suburb had *recently accelerated and there had been a* fight the night before. Was this Linc's revenge? Eye-witnesses *thought it was. Linc* went to trial — and got away with an *astonishingly light sentence.* But there are two stories here and the stronger one is not about *racial warfare so much as* the terrible convalescence of some three major brain operations suffered by Billal. Over four months we watch him undergo a complete personality change. **Elizabeth Cowley**

6.00am GMTV (4878204)

9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7392575) **9.50 Hope and Gloria** (5728556) **10.20 News** (5044914)

10.30 FILM: Shadow of a Doubt (1991) *starring Mark Harmon and Diane Ladd* A young girl becomes suspicious of her beloved uncle when he comes to visit her family. Based on the real-life case of the 1920s serial killer known as the "Merry Widow murderer" Directed by Karen Arthur (40484556)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News and weather (6429407) **12.55 Shortland Street** (6404198) **1.25 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends** (6261198) **2.00 Home and Away** (87165662) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (3610830) **3.20 News** (1511952)

3.30 Ozzie the Owl (s) (7118579) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (3727204) **3.50 Hot Rod Dogs** (3518515) **4.05 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (5322469 **4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop** (2836372) **4.40 G'Day Summer Bay** (1264681)

5.10 Celebrity Squares *(s)* (5465223)

5.40 ITN News and weather (776223)

6.00 Home and Away (949643)

6.25 Regional News (107556)

7.00 Emmerdale. Viv finds a shoulder to cry on; and Kim tries to make amends (Teletext) (2117)

7.30 West Watch: The Forest of Dean (643)

8.00 The Bill: Don't Kill the Messenger. *Jarvis receives death threats from a youth who cannot accept the fact his father was a sex offender (Teletext) (1865)*

Kirstie Alley plays mum (8.30pm)

8.30 FILM: Look Who's Talking Too (1990). *Starring John Travolta and Kirstie Alley*, Olympia Dukakis, Elias Koteas, Bruce Willis, Roseanne Barr and Mel Brooks. Sequel to the comedy *Look Who's Talking*. Now toddler Mikey, again with voice provided by Willis, has a baby sister, voiced by Barr. Directed by Amy Heckerling (Teletext) (s) (97136)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (98765)

10.30 Regional News (232469)

10.40 The 10%ers: Fear(702056)

11.10 The West Match (194285)

12.05am Nationwide Goals Extra (4506044)

12.50 FILM: *Zandy's Bride* (1974) starring Gene Hackman and Liv Ullman. An ill-tempered pioneer rancher buys a mail-order bride. However, she rebels against his tyrannical attitude and, by standing up to him, brings about an unexpected change. Directed by Jan Troell (902421)

2.40 Late and Loud (8522044)

3.40 The Chart Show (9110191)

4.35 ITV Sport Classics II (43535605)

5.00 Hot Spots (72044)

5.30 ITN Morning News (90353)

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (107556)

7.30-8.00 Time Out (643)

11.10 Tropical Heat (194285)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Agatha Christie's a Caribbean Mystery (40484556)

12.55 Emmerdale (6404198)

1.25-1.55 The Big Day (83015914)

1.55 Home and Away (58747117)

2.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (87175049)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1581339)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5465223)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live *(18198)*

7.30-8.00 Cobblestones, Cottages and *Castles* *(643)*

11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (194285)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Agatha Christie's a Caribbean Mystery (40484556)

12.55pm Home and Away (6404198)

1.25 Just a Minute *(83015914)*

1.55 A Country Practice (89745556)

2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (87176778)

2.50-3.20 Simply Delicious (5064778)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5465223)

6.25-7.00 Central News *(107556)*

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (643)

11.10 Central Sports Special (194285)

12.05am Stand Up (5807082)

12.35 UB40 — Live in the New South Africa (4887150) **1.40 Late & Loud** *(8221150)*

2.40 The Good Sex Guide (8522044)

3.40 Football League Extra (6162247)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20* Sandokan** (5728556) **10.30 Cartoons** (81556) **11.00 Dogtanian** *(5073778)* ***11.25 Cross Combat (5076865) **11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** *(2647402)* ***12.55pm Emmerdale*** *(6404198)* **1.25 Home and Away** (83015914) **1.55 Shortland Street** *(89745556)* ***2.20 Liz Earle's* Lifestyle** (87176778) **2.50-3.20 True... but *Strange*** *(5064778)* ***5.10 Home and Away*** (5465223) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (407) **6.30-7.00 Who Am I?** (759) ***7.30-8.00 Meridian*** **Focus** (643) **11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H** (194285)

S4C

Starts: 6.30 Chicken Minute (42010) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (36681) **9.00 California Dreams** (7304310) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** *(7381469)* ***9.55 Hangin with Mr*** **Cooper** (6513662) **10.20 Earthworm Jim** (2354827) ***10.45 Bill and Ted's Excellent*** **Adventures** (5363049) **11.10 Biker Mice from *Mars*** *(8339827)* ***11.35 Insektors*** *(9220056)* **11.50 Dennis** (8586407) **12.00 Mork and *Mindy*** *(55038)* ***12.30pm Travels à la Carte:*** **Portugal** (31049) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (42040) ***1.30 Lonely Planet: Japan — Tokyo to*** **Taiwan** (23020) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing From *York*** *(787846)* ***4.30 If I Were Prime Minister:*** **Tommy Sheridan** (556) **5.00 5 Pump: Anturiaethau** (2710575) **5.15 5 Pump: Maldwyn** (8536778) **6.00 Newyddion** (305285) **6.15 Heno** (849020) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (250681) **7.25 Y Tri Dimensiwn** (418594) **8.00 Tebyg at Ei Debyg** (9407) **8.30 Newyddion** (8914) **9.00 Rasus** (4285) **10.00 Brookside** (799469) **10.35 Ellen** (152597) **11.05 Film: Bad Day at Black Rock** (340407) **12.35am Black Bag** (8851063)

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12.00 Mork and Mindy (r) (55038)

12.30pm Travels à la Carte (r) (Teletext) (s) (31049)

1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (29204)

2.00 Channel 4 Racing from York. Live coverage of the **2.05, 2.35, 3.10 (Juddmonte International Stakes), 3.45** and **4.15** races (787846)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (556)

5.00 Ricki Lake(Teletext) (s) (8531223)

5.45 Obsession (r) (773136)

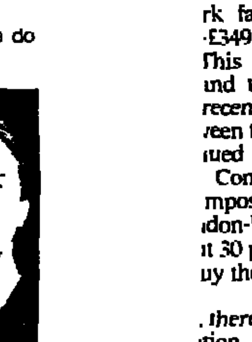
6.00 The Avengers: Invasion of the **Earthmen** (r) (Teletext) (19240)

***7.00* Channel 4 News** *(Teletext)*. Includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (265339)

7.55 The Slot (575662)

8.00 War Cries: Pride and Prejudice. The Sri Lankan-born photographer, Dunstan Perera, attacks the racism and prejudice that exists within Britain's Asian communities (Teletext) (s) (9407)

8.30 Brookside. What will Bell and Ollie do with Louise? (Teletext) (s) (8914)



The not-so happy couple (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Politician's Wife.** (1/3) A repeat of the drama starring Juliet Stevenson as the woman whose world is ripped apart when she discovers that her Tory MP husband (Trevor Eve) has been having an affair with a former escort girl *(Teletext) (s) (2324407)*

10.15 CHOICE **True Stories: Hit and Run.** A documentary about Billal Eter, a teenager who was run down by a car in a Sydney suburb in an apparent racist attack (Teletext) (7313117)

11.40 FILM: Room at the Top (1959, b/w) starring Laurence Harvey, Simone Signoret, Heather Sears and Donald Wolfit (Teletext) (23042488)

1.50 FILM: My Way Home (1978) starring Steven Archibald. The final part of the director Bill Douglas's autobiographical trilogy begins in Edinburgh in 1950 and traces his life up until his National Service in Egypt (3463082)

3.05 FILM: The Picture Snatcher (1933, b/w) starring James Cagney. A drama about a former convict who becomes a "picture snatcher", a person who takes news photographs others would rather were never put on film. Directed by Lloyd Bacon. (Teletext) (2827976). Ends at **4.30am**

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (63759) **9.00** Press Your Luck (4730285) **9.20** *Love Connection* (1554594) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (2952556) **10.40** Jeopardy! (2083484) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (6392407) **12.00** Geraldo (63662) **1.00pm** Code 3 (66846) **1.30** Designing Women *(50198)* **2.00** Miracles and Other Wonders (27469) **3.00** Court TV (8556) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5564310) **4.15** Undun (1703933) **5.00** Quantum Leap (2136) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (69846) **7.00** *Spellbound (3865)* **7.30** M*A*S*H (9391) **8.00** Jack Higgins' on Dangerous Ground (13681) **10.00** Quantum Leap (73448) **11.00** Highlander (76223) **12.00** Late Show (5838327) **12.45am** Dress Gray (6187624) **1.30** *Adventures of Mark and* Brian (44452) **2.00** Hit Mix (8478112)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2714556) **9.30** Fashion (39407) **10.30** ABC Nightline (30846) **1.30pm** CBS News (21551) **2.30** CBS News (94575) **3.30** Fashion (8285) **6.30** Tonight with Simon McCoy *(37154)* **7.30** Sportsline (90933) **8.30** Target (9662) **11.30** CBS *News (77223)* **12.30am** ABC World News (42402) **1.30** Tonight with Simon McCoy Replay (48957) **2.30** Target (93082) **3.30** Fashion (72599) **4.30** CBS News (87334) **5.30** ABC World News (32353)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Anne of Green Gables (1934) (33700223) **7.40 Gypsy (1993)** (96494661) **10.00 Radioland Murders (1994)** (55643) **12.00 Dream Chasers (1985)** (24372) **2.00pm Young Ivanhoe (1994)** (63440) **4.00 The Helicopter Spies *(1967)*** *(7440)* **6.00 Radioland Murders (1994)** (73484) **8.00 Secrets (1994)** *(15049)* **10.00 Ski School 2 (1994)** (339407) **11.35 Above the Rim (1994)** (188020) **1.15am A Vow to Kill (1994)** (197889) **2.45 The Marseilles Contract (1974)** (170112) **4.15-6.00 Dream Chasers (1985)** *(380808)*

SKY MOVIES GOLD

(6372) **6.00 Broken Lance (1954)** (85846) **8.00 Cape Fear (1962)** (80391) **10.00 Wall Street (1987)** *(73444440)* **12.10am Les Diaboliques (1954)** (769518) **2.10 Beyond the Valley of the Dolls (1970)** (559995) **3.50-5.25 Broken Lance (1954)**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Girl in the News (1940) *(21391)* ***7.30 Little Orbit the Astrodog*** (11914) **9.00 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995)** (28372) **10.30 Red Planet (1993)** (39223) **12.00 The Swinger (1966)** (22914) **2.00pm Tekwar: Teklords (1994)** *(14310)* **4.00 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995)** (8310) **6.00 Clifford (1994)** (66933) **7.30 Special Feature** (2001) **8.00 Blown Away (1994)** (23961) **10.00 Speed (1994)** (61730) **12.00 Amos and Andrew (1992)** (651537) **1.40am Daddy's Gone A-hunting (1969)** (702179) **3.30-6.00 Rikki and Pete (1988)** (176315)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (4806440) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (2264759) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale (2276594) **7.20** Ducktales (6043117) **7.45** Ducktales (3976575) **8.10** Quack Attack (7466372) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (8329846) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (35440) **9.30** Quack Attack. (89759) **10.00** The Best of Walt Disney Presents (2467681) **10.55** Chip 'n' Dale (5476285) **11.20** Chip 'n' Dale (2307285) **11.45** Muppet Babies (1826643) **12.05pm** Sing Me a Story *(2305556)* **12.30** Lamb Chop (83575) **1.00** Tarzan (72556) **1.30** Flipper (3392730) **2.20** Teen Angel (66110914) **2.30** Adventures of Creech (9198) **3.00** Ducktales (6867339) **3.25** Quack Attack (6846846) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale (3845730) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (5344643) **4.40** Darkwing Duck *(3628488)* **5.00** Gargoyles (7001) **5.30** Best of Disney Presents (38558) **6.30** Home Improvement (4407) **7.00** Thunder Alley (7865) **7.30 FILM: The Great Elephant Escape** (27440) **9.00** Just Like Family (38440) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (74169)

EUROSPORT

7.30am *Cycling* (79962) **8.30** Motorcycling (75204) **10.00** Speedworld (13778) **11.00** Football (93914) **12.00** Boxing (33556) **1.00pm** Triathlon (42204) **2.00** Athletics (52594) **4.00** Strength (96440) **5.00** Four-wheels (3020) **6.00** *Live Tennis (9844049)*

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (10961) **7.30** Tartan Extra (99198) **8.00** Baseball (21223) **8.30** Racing News (20594) **9.00** Aerobics (11846) **9.30** *Football (77681)* ***10.30*** *U15* International Cricket (7650310) **6.30** Sports Centre (6223) **7.00** Wrestling (649372) **10.00** Sports Centre (32339) **10.30** Footballer's Football (87223) **11.30** Asian *Football (99469)* **12.30am** Tennis (2262063) **1.45-2.15** Sports Centre

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Max Out (73548001) **12.30pm** Beach Volleyball *(95084575)* **1.00** Sport USA Baseball (24648876) **3.00** Tennis Champions Tour (73544042) **4.30** This Week in Baseball (88980759) **5.00** Asian Football (39051846) **6.00** Max Out (88994952) **6.30** *Beach Volleyball (88985204)* **7.00** Sports Centre (39052575) **7.30** Football Coca-Cola Cup Swindon v Wolves (55331643) **10.00** Tennis Champions Tour (37361440) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (19790925)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am *Thought for the Day* **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Jack Van Impe Presents **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Changing Your World **6.15** Power for Living **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (7150371) **7.55** As the World Turns (9012339) **8.50** Peyton Place *(5002352)* ***9.20*** *Days of Our Lives* (5235730) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (5062759) **11.30** Trailside (5063488) **12.00** Flight of an Angel (2234020) **12.30pm** Cooking in France (2471353) **1.00** Getaway (2238310) **1.30** Italy (3821884) **2.00** Australia (5588662) **3.00** Globetrotter (2826594) **3.30** *Around the World* (2977961) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (75616407)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Gangsters (5066339) **5.00** Hitler's Navy (2817846) **6.00-7.00** Biography

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday-Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday-Sunday, on

Rob Lowe and Deborah Moore in action (Sky One, 8.00pm)

8.00pm Quatermass (8896579) **10.00** Tales of the Unexpected (2242049) **10.30** The Tomorrow People (2228469) **11.00** New Hitchcock (5047440) **11.30** Hitchcock Presents (5383117) **12.00** Ripley's Believe It or Not (7429632) **1.00am** *The Six Million Dollar Man* (8899024) **2.00 FILM: The Monster That Challenged the World** (6642204) **3.30-4.00** Robotech (3836537)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7705339) **9.30** The Garden Show (9710556) **10.00** Two's Country (6430488) **10.30** Home Again with (7794223) **11.00** The Painted House (5306117) **11.30** Room for Improvement (5307846) **12.00** *Julia Child (7785575)* **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (9714372) **1.00** Simply Delicious Fish (2166440) **1.30** This Old House (9713643) **2.00** This Old House (1748579) **2.30** Garden Club (1410010) **3.00** Fishing Adventures (6598876) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (5360317)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (2176827) **7.30** Neighbours (2198662) **8.00** Angels

Sullivans (9712914) **10.00** Angels (2184846) **11.00** Bullseye (5308575) **11.30** Tellystack (5309204) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7787933) **12.30pm** *Neighbours* (9716730) **1.00** Till Death Us Do Part *(9805846)* **1.35** *Shelley (9758827)* **2.15** Robin's Nest (9437681) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (3064440) **3.30** The Bill (4460335) **4.00** One by One (87305391) **5.05** Tellystack (85048198) **5.35** Bullseye (7210020) **6.05** You Rang, M'Lord? (6268317) **7.05** The Bob Monkhouse Show *(2226914)* **7.55** Tripper's Day (2216204) **8.25** Just Good Friends (8747310) **9.00** The Sweeney (1141310) **10.00** The Bill (2725391) **10.35** Taxi (5788339) **11.10** The Treachery Game (8237846) **12.10am** ***FILM:* The Girl on the Boat** (75545082) **1.40-3.00** Shopping (46766650)

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BRAVO

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TUESDAY AUGUST 20 1996

Leading goalscorer left out of squad for World Cup qualifying match

Wales strike Rush from their plans

By Russell Kempson

IAN RUSH, the Leeds United and former Liverpool striker, was yesterday left out of the Wales squad for the World Cup qualifying match against San Marino in Cardiff on August 31. It prompted immediate speculation that Rush's international career, spanning 16 years and 73 appearances, is over.

The reality may be different, but not by much. Rush asked Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, to be left out if it was likely he would not start the game against San Marino, the group seven minnows. Gould said that he could not guarantee him a place and, thus, he was omitted.

It is nothing new. Rush, 34, has missed the past two Wales international matches, against Switzerland and San Marino. He had requested leave of absence because he was trying to resolve his future after being released by Liverpool.

Gould agreed, with Wales losing 2-0 to Switzerland in Lugano in April and beating San Marino 5-0, in the tiny republic in northern Italy, in their opening World Cup qualifying match in June. Rush has subsequently joined Leeds, where he has been made captain.

However, were his name to be left out of the squad for the qualifying game against Holland in Cardiff in October, it could be safely assumed that Gould has other plans. To go into such a daunting game without Rush, Wales's leading goalscorer with 28 goals, would be tantamount to admitting that, indeed, his international career was over.

"I spoke to Ian last week and invited him to join the squad," Gould said yesterday. "I explained that there would be no place for him in the team and, on that basis, he decided that he did not want to be involved.

SQUAD

WALES SQUAD (v San Marino, Aug 31): N Southall (Everton), D Coyne (Tranmere Rovers), A Marriott (Wrexham), M Bowen (West Ham United), C Coleman (Blackburn Rovers), S Jenkins (Huddersfield Town), A Melville (Sunderland), K Symons (Manchester City), M Browning (Bristol Rovers), J Goss (Heart of Midlothian), B Horne (Birmingham City), M Hughes (Chelsea), A Legg (Birmingham City), M Pembridge (Sheffield Wednesday), J Robinson (Charlton Athletic), R Savage (Crewe Alexandra), G Speed (Everton), R Giggs (Manchester United), D Saunders (Nottingham Forest), G Taylor (Sheffield United).

"I felt the team that beat San Marino did well and I would like to use basically the same side again. Mark Hughes and Dean Saunders were highly effective up front and did an excellent job."

Rush, who was offered a player-coaching role by Gould when he was appointed Wales manager a year ago, made his last appearance in the 3-0 defeat against Italy in Terni in January. He was replaced in the 64th minute and was none too pleased by the decision.

Gould's often blunt approach also upset Hughes, when he left him out of the European championship qualifying match against Albania in November, but he swiftly smoothed over their differences.

"People said then that it meant the end for Mark," Gould said, "but he has come right back into the team and is playing better than ever. I just cannot guarantee anyone a place."

In an effort to give a chance to everybody qualified to play for Wales, Gould has used 34 players in his six matches in charge. He is determined to lift the national team out of the international doldrums, with John Robinson, the Zimbabwe-born Charlton Athletic midfield player, one of the few to break through the old guard into the side.

Gould has become vigorously involved with Welsh football at all levels since he succeeded Mike Smith and, yesterday, he selected Dean Huggins, the Barry Town defender, for the Wales Under-21 squad for the game against San Marino on August 30. Huggins, 19, who moved from Bristol City in the close season, is the first player from a League of Wales club to be included in a Wales squad.

John Hartson, the Arsenal striker, will probably lead the attack for the game at Jenner Park, Barry's ground, after being overlooked for the 20-strong senior party. There is no suggestion that his international career is on the rocks; it has barely started and, in the past, he has won five caps. For Rush, though, the omens are not so good.

Meanwhile, Barry were left with a mountain to climb — literally — before the second leg of their Uefa Cup preliminary-round tie against Budapest Vasutas, at Jenner Park tonight, because of serious goalkeeping problems.

The League of Wales champions, struggling to overturn a 3-1 deficit from the first leg, will have only one goalkeeper in their squad after failing in their appeal against the dismissal of Mark Ovendale, in Hungary, and being refused permission by Uefa to sign another goalkeeper as cover.

Pat Mountain, on loan from Cardiff City and yesterday named in the Wales Under-21 squad to play San Marino, will take over between the posts and, should he be injured, it is likely that Gary Lloyd, the midfield player, will step into the breach.

Despite the loss of Ovendale, Barry remain upbeat and are confident that they can still reach the first round proper and a possible large pay day. Chris Aust, the general manager, said: "The players really feel they can do it. There should be a capacity crowd and if we can get the first goal we must have an outstanding chance."

Anthony Bird, the striker, will be one of those anxious to open Barry's account tonight after missing the first leg because of suspension.

Although Barry were given permission by the League of Wales to postpone their opening league fixture on Saturday, to give them more time to prepare, the player-coach, Gary Barnett, has yet to name his squad.

The Football Association has warned clubs with poor disciplinary records to improve or face further action. Queens Park Rangers and Wimbledon, who have been fined £15,000 and £10,000 respectively, must avoid trouble for the rest of the season.

QPR have a £50,000 suspended fine hanging over them which could be invoked if their record has not improved when it comes up for review by the FA at the end of the present campaign.

Wimbledon must tread carefully to avoid having a suspended £15,000 fine activated and Middlesbrough and Manchester City are threatened with £25,000 suspended fines meted out to them. Millwall, Portsmouth and Luton Town have £10,000 suspended fines against their names.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "Clubs who are in this situation are expected to show a marked improvement in their disciplinary records."

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Rush, installed by his new club, Leeds, as their captain, could find no place in the Wales team to play San Marino

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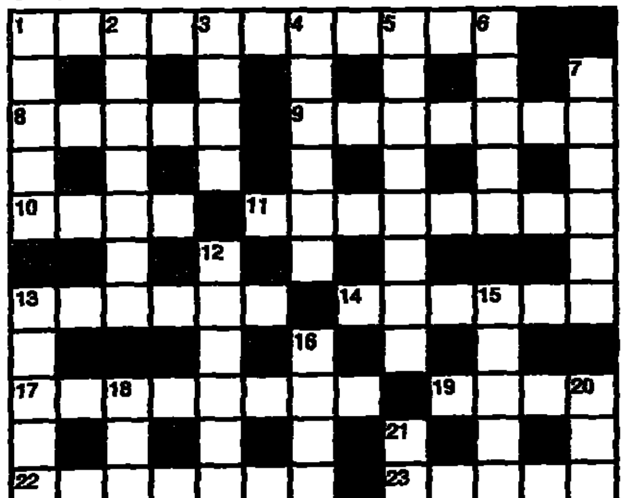

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11 In poverty (8)
13 Edge, boundary (6)
14 Soft-nosed bullet (6)
17 Plump; a suet pudding (4-4)
19 Please answer (1,1,1,1)
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23 Sky-blue (5)
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2 Fast sailing ship (7)
3 Fighting force (4)
4 Girl Apollo turned to laurel (6)
5 Very attentive to wife (8)
6 Unwelcome sound (5)
7 Interrelated, functioning set (6)
12 Oust (8)
13 Go on raid (6)
15 Interrupt; trouble (7)
16 Criticises heavily; roof-tiles (6)
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20 Irritate, annoy (5)
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Christie rethinks decision to retire

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

EVEN before Linford Christie went out onto the track last night for what was supposed to be his last appearance in a Great Britain vest, it appeared that those who had turned up to see the farewell had been lured to Gateshead under false pretences. Christie is not now retiring, it appears.

Christie told Mike Whittingham, Roger Black's coach and a Radio 5 Live summariser, that, if asked, he would consider competing for Britain in the European Cup in Munich next year. Then Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, confirmed that Christie had indicated the same to Malcolm Arnold, the Britain head coach.

"It was part of a conversation with Malcolm, not a formal declaration," Ward said. We shall see but, certainly, Christie the enigma lives on.

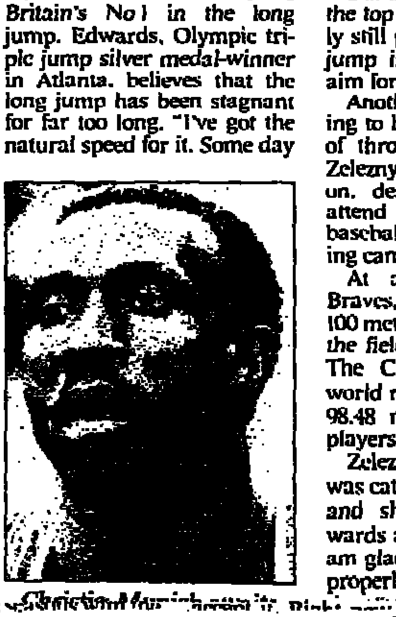
After only 6,000 spectators had turned up at Crystal Palace eight days earlier, for a first meeting in Britain after the Olympic Games, the British Athletic Federation needed the encouragement of a good-sized crowd. The queue for tickets was some 30 metres long before the meeting started and, by the time of the first main track event, the stadium, which holds 11,750, was close to three-quarters full.

The format was more attractive than had been the case for Crystal Palace, in which none of the track races, except those with hurdles, was over an Olympic distance. On this occasion, there were some outstanding head-to-head matches: Christie against Donovan Bailey, Steve Smith and Charles Austin, Jonathan Edwards against Kenny Harrison, Colin Jackson against Allen Johnson, in each case the best Briton against the Olympic champion. Furthermore, Gateshead was blessed with fine weather.

With only four competitors in each event, two from each side, the action was easy to follow and ensured fast-flowing competition in the field events. The men's shot, the first event, was all over in 25 minutes. Sean Pickering gave Britain a winning start, with a fine series of four marks over 18 metres. He saved his best until last, an 18.6-metre effort, more than half a metre farther than he managed in the Olympics.

A first scoring event on the track also produced a victory for Britain but, surprisingly, it was Neil Caddy who gained the maximum five points, not John Nuttall, the Olympic 5,000 metres semi-finalist. With all four athletes together at the bell in the 3,000 metres, Caddy sprinted away down the home straight to win in 8min 03.59sec. Nuttall could manage only third place, behind Rich Kenah, in 8:05.14.

Edwards, meanwhile, the triple jump world record-holder, also wants to become Britain's No 1 in the long jump. Edwards, Olympic triple jump silver medal-winner in Atlanta, believes that the long jump has been stagnant for far too long. "I've got the natural speed for it. Some day I'll step back and try the long jump," he said on BBC *Breakfast News* yesterday.



"Lynn Davies broke the British record in 1968 and it's lasted for far too long. I'm sure I can break it. We need to get some interest back in the long jump." He has not ruled out going for both jump disciplines in the Sydney Olympics in 2000. "Maybe I'll double up," he said.

But the triple jump remains the top priority. "I've definitely still got a gold in the triple jump in me. And that's my aim for Sydney," he said.

Another who will be sticking to his main occupation — of throwing javelins, is Jan Zelezny, the Olympic champion, despite his decision to attend the Atlanta Braves baseball team's spring training camp in Florida next year.

At a workout with the Braves, he threw the ball over 100 metres across the length of the field and into the stands. The Czech, who holds the world record for the javelin at 98.48 metres, impressed the players.

Zelezny said: "The man who was catching the ball came up and shook my hand afterwards and said it was good. I am glad I tried it, but to do it properly would take a lot of

Australians seek to play home sides in grand slam

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

THE demise, 12 years ago, of the grand-slam rugby union tour was a matter for regret. The prospect of beating all four home unions was an enticing objective for the incoming visitors from New Zealand, Australia and South Africa until tours contracted so much that only two internationals could be managed.

Now that prospect has been revived by Australia, who are considering whether they can embrace all four countries during their tour this autumn, which was originally designed to play Scotland and Ireland, with Italy tacked onto the front for good measure.

The reasons are twofold. One, obviously, is financial. The sport needs to generate new money to pay the first wave of fully-professional players. The second illustrates the shortage of quality opposition in what is not yet, truly, a world game, even if it is played in more than 100 countries. Everyone seeks to meet the best opposition — forgetting, for the moment, the hiatus in relationships between England and the other home unions — thus Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are in constant demand.

England stand in danger of losing their five nations' fixtures in the new year with no resolution of their differences with Ireland, Scotland and Wales in sight. But they have long acknowledged the need for regular fixtures with the southern hemisphere.

Where, though, will they fit in an additional match and still keep faith with their clubs, who will be loath to lose their contracted players for more dates than the present schedule allows? As matters stand, Australia play Italy on October 23, Scotland on November 9 and Ireland on November 30. Wales hope to play them on November 2 and John O'Neill, the Australian Rugby Football Union chief executive, has said: "We have three of the four grand-slam countries, why wouldn't you maximise the tour?"

England, however, already play internationals on November 23 (against Italy), November 30 (New Zealand Barbarians) and December 14 (Argentina).

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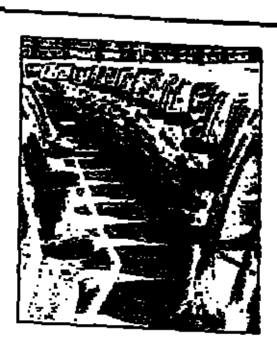

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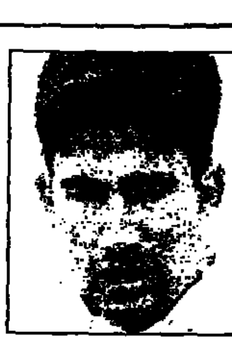

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Consumer demand cheers City

By Robert Miller and Janet Bush

FRESH economic data *showing further strong* growth in consumer credit and a continued demand for *home loans brought cheer to* the City yesterday.

Encouraged by a stream of *positive figures from* banks, building societies and the Bank of England, the FT-SE *100 index finished the day 19.5* points up to close at a record high of 3,883.2.

The *Building Societies Asso*ciation (BSA) said it was particularly heartened that while *net mortgage advances* fell to £1.2 billion in July, from £1.4 billion the previous *month, the figure was still 68* per cent higher than a year ago. Ron Armstrong, deputy director-general of the BSA, said: "Other housing market indicators look promising for future growth in the market. Transactions have been *increasing since April and house* prices have also been rising, encouraging more sellers into *the market.*

"However, the severe downturn in the market remains *recent history, meaning that* borrowers are likely to remain careful." The British Bankers' Association (BBA) reported that mortgage lending rose *£615 million, close to June's* figure of £591 million and exactly equal to the six monthly *average.*

The BBA added that consumer credit also rose strongly *in July*, by £539 million, *more* than double the previous month's £266 million and compared with a *six monthly* average of £362 million.

Tim Sweeney, director-general of the BBA, said: "Further strong growth in consumer *credit* was a feature of the major banks' figures for July. With the seasonally adjusted *increase of £539 million very* close to the record April figure, this may point to a strengthen*ing of consumer spending. In* total, with mortgage lending rising in line with the recent *monthly average, personal* sector borrowing increased by over £1.1 billion."

*The picture of stronger con*sumer activity appeared to be confirmed in figures from the Credit Card Research Group that showed spending on credit and debit cards in July up nearly 16 per cent compared with a year ago.

Figures from the Bank of England yesterday showed that the M4 measure of broad *money supply has fallen into* the Government's monitoring range for the first time for ten *months. Above-target growth* in M4 has been a key reason why the Bank has opposed *lower rates and* recently argued for rates to be raised.

However, analysts said yesterday's figures do not materially change the outlook for rates. Annual growth in M4 fell to 8.8 per cent in July from 10.1 per cent in June but this was largely because of a big repayment of government borrowing in that month and hefty sales of *UK government* bonds.

The Bank yesterday an*nounced that it will sell* £2.5 billion of 7.5 per cent gilts due to mature in 2006. The auction will be held on August 28.

THE US Federal Reserve decided to leave *American* interest rates unchanged when its Federal Open Market Committee *met yesterday.* The decision not to raise rates was widely expected in financial markets after a *recent run* of economic data suggesting that blistering growth in the second quarter had already cooled off and that inflation *remained low. Federal Funds* stay at 5.25 per cent.

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Incentives cost Halifax £300m

By Robert Miller

HALIFAX Building *Society* has spent nearly £300 million on special mortgage incentives *such as discounted home* loans and cash-backs to attract borrowers in two years.

Reporting broadly unchanged half-year profits of £649.1 million in the six *months to June* 30 yesterday, Britain's largest mortgage lender said that although it had chosen not to compete aggressively in the housing market this year, special deals had taken £81 million off its bottom-line profits. The accumulated difference to profitability of making such concessions to encourage reluctant home buyers back to the market since 1994 was £295 million.

The *latest half-time figures* are distorted because there is no direct comparison with the *same* period last year before the merger with the Leeds *Permanent. In the first six* months of the newly merged entity to January 31 the Halifax *reported* £584.7 *million* pre-tax profit.

The Halifax said it was on course with plans for a share listing next summer, when *nine* million members will become shareholders in the largest ever flotation of its kind. Jon Foulds, chairman, said details of "an innovative" solution to create an orderly market when dealings begin would be announced shortly.

First half gross mortgage lending was *£4.8 billion, while* net lending was £585 million. Net retail receipts of £783 *million reflected historically* low returns from savings accounts and record inflows of *funds into* alternative, equity-based investments.

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TONY LARKIN

Robert Peel and Rodney Price, chairman of Thistle, will use £100 million to build 2,000 rooms at existing hotels

Thistle aims to expand after float

By Alasdair Murray

THISTLE HOTELS yesterday said it was aiming to raise £250 million to help to fund *expansion when it comes to* the market next month.

Robert Peel, chief executive, said the company, Britain's second largest hotels group, would use around £100 million to build 2,000 rooms at existing hotels. The rest of the money will be used to cut debt. The float is expected to value Thistle at between £1 *billion and £1.5 billion.*

The company is majority owned by Brierley Invest*ments*, a New Zealand investment group, which will reduce its 70 per cent stake to between 40 and 50 per cent after flotation.

The company unveiled an 88 per cent increase in half*year profits*, excluding exceptional items, to £24.1 million. Overall turnover rose 12 per cent to £146 million.

Abbey faces bill for N&P compensation

By Caroline Merrell

ABBEY NATIONAL may be *forced to compensate up to* 10,000 people because of an administrative blunder after its takeover of the National & Provincial Building Society this month.

The problems involve N&P mortgage transactions that were in the process of being completed when the merger was finalised on August 5. *N&P previously* carried out its mortgage transactions from 22 sites around the country. *Now, all mortgages are being* dealt with by a single administration unit in Bradford, which is under massive strain as it attempts to cope with a huge backlog of applications.

A spokeswoman for the Abbey National said: "We have taken on extra staff to try and deal with the backlog. They are working through the weekend and in the evenings *to try and sort things out.*"

The spokeswoman said that the bank hoped to be able to *solve the problems within two* weeks.

One reader of *The Times* who had made a mortgage application to the N&P was *due to complete on his house* purchase on August 19, after a survey four days earlier.

After the survey, the reader's solicitor tried repeatedly to get some information about *the progress of the mortgage* application from the Abbey National. However, despite faxing the Bradford centre several times, as well as telephoning the Abbey, the completion day was missed.

The reader may not have *lost out financially* because of the blunder as he lives in rented property and is not in a chain. Others, though, may *not enjoy such good fortune.* House sellers who fail to get funds on the appointed day *can penalise the buyer finan*cially, depending on the terms of the contract.

Delays in exchange and completion could jeopardise the entire purchase for some of the former N&P borrowers. Abbey National said that it would compensate *all* those who lose money because of the mistakes.

Savers and borrowers with N&P will receive bonuses from next week as their share of the ownership of the society. When Abbey National converted to a bank in 1989 many members had to wait weeks for their bonus share certificates as large numbers were destroyed in a skip in South London.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3883.2	(+19.5)
Yield	4.03%	
FT-SE A All share	1917.75	(+8.79)
Nikkei	21127.01	(+20.60)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5706.09	(+6.65)*
S&P Composite	666.04	(-0.54)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{1}{16}$%*	(5%)
Long Bond	$99\frac{11}{32}$*	($99\frac{13}{32}$)
Yield	6.80%*	(6.80%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$5\frac{7}{8}$%	($5\frac{25}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	108	($108\frac{1}{8}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5473*	(1.5453)
London:		
$	1.5472	(1.5455)
DM	2.3043	(2.3000)
FFr	7.8614	(7.8576)
SFr	1.8695	(1.8656)
Yen	167.61	(166.84)
£ Index	84.8	(84.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4887*	(1.4872)
FFr	5.0820*	(5.0860)
SFr	1.2066*	(1.2071)
Yen	108.29*	(107.81)
$ Index	96.4	(96.3)

Tokyo close Yen 107.95

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$20.25	($20.40)

GOLD

London close	$387.55	($386.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Inspec bows to staff plan critics

By Jason Nissé

INSPEC, *the fast growing* chemicals group that used to be part of BP, has bowed to institutional investor pressure and reformed a controversial scheme *to allow its staff* a no-lose way of subscribing for shares in the group.

The scheme would have allowed directors, employees and their families to subscribe for up to £8 million of shares in Inspec's proposed £101 million rights issue and only pay for them if the share price went up. It is almost identical to a scheme waved through by shareholders last year.

After pressure from the *Association of British Insurers* and leading investors including Prudential, Scottish Widows and *Standard Life which* threated to vote the scheme down, Inspec has revised the plan in time for today's extraordinary shareholders meeting.

Inspec has made three changes. It has said the shares *can only be taken up if the* company performed in the top quartile of the UK chemicals sector, that the shares can only be bought in three years time and that employees' spouses and families are excluded from the scheme.

Inspec was floated two years ago after a management and employee buyout from BP.

The approval of the employee share ownership scheme is a key element of the rights issue which is being used to fund the £201 million purchase of Shell's fine chemicals operation.

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Former Australian hero jailed for three years

From Roger Maynard in Sydney

Disgraced: A brave-faced Alan Bond on his way to court

ALAN BOND, the Australian entrepreneur who was once described by Bob Hawke, the former Australian Prime Minister, as "one of the outstand*ing exports of pommieland*", was back behind bars again last night after being sentenced to three years for fraud.

The disgraced businessman, who in *the 1980s founded* a worldwide empire worth billions, was jailed by a court in Perth, Western *Australia, after* being convicted on four corporate fraud charges over the *purchase and sale* of La Promenade, the impressionist painting by Manet, which Bond *bought in 1983* for more than £2 million. The court heard that the businessman's family company, Dallhold Invest*ments, made a multimillion*-dollar profit on transactions involving the painting, at the *expense* of Bond Corporation Holdings, the public company he founded.

For Bond, who faces a non-parole period of one year, it is *his second time* behind bars. In 1992 he was sentenced to two-and-a-half years impris*onment over an alleged* £8 million secret commission relating to the collapse of an Australian *merchant* bank. The sentence was later quashed, but not before he had spent 90 days in jail.

Bond is due to return to court next year to face further charges relating to Bond *Corporation.*

The former tycoon, who emigrated to Australia from his family home in Ealing at the age of 13, looked strained but showed no reaction as sentence was passed. His defence counsel argued that a *prison sentence might damage* his client's health and even kill *him*, but the Judge told Bond *that the seriousness of the* crimes left no option but for him to serve a jail term.

Bond's fall from grace has left him with few friends. He has been living as a discharged bankrupt at his son's home in Perth. Bond Corporation has unpaid debts of more than £1.5 billion pounds and *shareholders* have received nothing. Yesterday's sentence is widely regarded as the end of his colourful career.

In 1983 he was seen as the great Australian hero who brought home the America's Cup. He could do no wrong in *the eyes of most Australians, as* both sportsman and tycoon, but his debts and dealings caught up with him in the 1990s. His fortunes began to fade after he built up a stunning art collection said to be worth £75 million. The centrepiece was Vincent van Gogh's *Irises*, for which he paid a world-record $42 million.

Masterpiece: La Promenade

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Bank deal to reduce 'credit risk

British banks yesterday announced new measures aimed at substantially reducing credit risks and stimulating liquidity in the $6 trillion interbank market (Robert Miller writes).

Working under the umbrella of the British Bankers' Association (BBA), UK banks and their counterparts in the G10 leading world economies have signed up to a new deposit netting agreement.

The new legal standard will allow banks that have lent money to each other to offset their credit risks against deposits that they already hold.

The BBA said the effects of the new agreement would be to release more funds for other transactions and give the international banking system greater protection in the event that a bank collapses and cannot meet its debts.

As interbank deposits work two ways — banks may lend and borrow simultaneously and in different currencies and for different lengths of time — the new offset arrangement should cover these diverse activities more effectively, it said.

Tim Sweeney, director-general of the BBA, said: "The BBA has set a new standard in reducing credit risk throughout the market, enabling banks to pursue more profitable activities. The agreement will also stop the failure of one bank affecting others".

ICI ends talks

ICI has ended joint-venture discussions with the Yu Gang Company of Chongqing, China, to produce titantium dioxide in China. Tioxide, an ICI subsidiary, and Yu Gang were unable to agree.

Titles sold

Wilmington Group, the publishing company headed by Brian Gilbert that floated last December, has bought two international energy titles, *Nuclear Engineering International* and *Water Power & Dam Construction*, along with associated conferences from Reed Elsevier for £516,000.

Hans Snook, managing director of Orange, sought to allay City fears of a slowdown in the rate of growth in the mobile phone industry

Orange stays buoyant despite plunging deeper into the red

By Paul Durman

ORANGE, the mobile phone company that floated on the stock market in March, yesterday insisted that its industry remains in robust health despite reporting first-half losses of £125 million.

Hans Snook, managing director of Orange, sought to allay City fears of a slowdown in the rate of growth in the mobile phone industry, claiming the apparent slowdown was partly due to confusion among potential consumers, who find it difficult to choose between the complex pricing tariffs available.

He said: "Once the average users, the granny and grandad in Edinburgh, are comfortable that they know what the costs are, then market penetration is going to pick up very quickly."

Mr Snook also blamed the high "churn" rate of lost customers suffered by Vodafone and Cellnet, the industry leaders. While gross connections in the first half remained not far short of 1.5 million, heavy losses of existing customers meant net connections of new subscribers fell a third to 617,000.

Within this changing picture, Orange has continued to make progress, its first-half net connections rising from 104,000 last year to 194,000, giving it a market share of more than 31 per cent.

Mr Snook said he expected, as in the past, that second-half demand for mobile phones would outstrip that for the first six months of the year. Orange now has more than 600,000 subscribers. Orange's loss was an increase from £88.8 million last year. From its expanded customer base, turnover jumped 156 per cent to £256.5 million.

For the first time Orange generated a positive cashflow of £6 million from its operating activities — an important milestone in the company's development, according to Graham Howe, the finance director. Orange is expected to move into profit in 1998.

Analysts were impressed that Orange has been able to increase its average monthly revenue per subscriber to £36.86, from £36.51 in the first half of 1995. Average monthly usage was also slightly higher at 167 minutes. Usually, mobile phone companies expect to see a fall in their average revenue as they attract customers who use their phones less often.

Shares in Orange rose 6p yesterday to 193p. Orange has given its shareholders a turbulent ride. Priced at 205p, the shares initially raced to 253p before sliding back to a low of 174p at the end of July.

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Kerry's 21% rise beats forecasts

From Eileen McCabe, in Dublin

KERRY GROUP, Ireland's biggest food company, yesterday reported interim pre-tax profits up by 21 per cent, almost five percentage points more than analysts had forecast.

In the half-year to June 30, the company increased profits to Ir£19.9 million, from Ir£16.5 million in the same period last year, after a strong performance by all divisions. Earnings per share rose 20.4 per cent, to Ir10.6p. The company declared an interim dividend of Ir1.264p, up 15 per cent.

Static turnover in Ireland was balanced by increases of 22 per cent in other European markets and 9 per cent in North America. Overall turnover rose 9 per cent, to Ir£589.4 million.

Kerry Ingredients made operating profits of Ir£29.4 million on Ir£332.2 million sales, including four months of trading by Ciprial, a fruit ingredients company with operations in France and Italy, which was bought by Kerry in February.

Kerry Foods, the consumer goods division, performed particularly well increasing operating profits by 15 per cent, to Ir£10 million, on sales of Ir£226.8 million.

Although the BSE scare cut sales in some areas, this was offset by increases in branded product sales, the company said. In spite of a slight rise in turnover in agri-business activities, their operating profits fell from Ir£1.12 million to Ir£880,000.

The company said that current trading was in line with targets. It expected to complete integration of DCA Food Ingredients, a US acquisition, by the end of this financial year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Setback for names as court backs Lloyd's

LLOYD'S OF LONDON was still awaiting the outcome of a crucial court action in Virginia last night, as a separate case ended in a further defeat for aggrieved American names. A court in the Southern District of New York granted a motion by Lloyd's to dismiss a lawsuit brought by four names, who were seeking to prove that Lloyd's knew the extent of the liabilities that names faced by participating in some syndicates. Three of the plaintiffs were members of the Tufts family, who have taken a leading role in the Virginia action.

Peter Lane, managing director of Lloyd's North America, said: "Names entered into their commitments under UK law, and we are pleased that US courts continue to recognise this. What is important now is that names focus on accepting the R&R settlement offer." Names have a week in which to decide whether to accept the £3.2 billion Lloyd's settlement aimed at ending outstanding legal claims. In the Virginia action, about 100 names are seeking an injunction on the Lloyd's recovery plan, saying they want details of Equitas funding before taking a decision on R&R. Lloyd's says it is a matter for the UK courts. Closing arguments in the Virginia case are expected to be heard today.

Hutchings on £1.2m

GREG HUTCHINGS, chairman of Tomkins, the bread, guns and lawnmowers conglomerate, was paid £1.2 million and exercised share options worth £1.9 million in the group's last financial year. He also received fresh options worth £221,000, bringing the total potential value of options not taken up to £1.59 million, and had £67,000 paid into his pension scheme. Mr Hutchings's pay rose by £47,000. Ian Duncan, finance director, saw his salary increase by £22,000 to £704,000.

VW subsidies summit

GUENTER REXRODT, Germany's economics minister, will meet Karel van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, in Brussels on Friday to resolve a dispute over state subsidies to Volkswagen. The Commission has ruled that funds totalling DM91 million received by VW from the state of Saxony were illegal and must be returned. In June the Commission refused to clear subsidies amounting to DM241 million for VW investment in Chemnitz and the Mosel region.

Takare rethinks strategy

TAKARE, Britain's second-largest nursing homes group, yesterday signalled its intention to pursue possible acquisitions in the healthcare sector. The group is scaling back its new build programme to redirect cash towards an acquisition war chest. Keith Bradshaw, chairman, said the group's spending power could total £100 million. Takare's pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30 fell to £8.7 million from £10 million in the same period last year. Earnings per share were 5.5p (6.5p). An interim dividend of 1p (0.9p) will be paid on October 7.

NatWest-Fleet alliance

NATWEST GROUP and Fleet Financial Group are to cooperate in the provision of banking services to corporate customers in Britain and America. NatWest will set up an office in Boston, Mass, to provide sterling and foreign currency account and cash management services to American companies that have a physical presence in Britain or trade there. Desks also will be created in Boston, New York and London. Fleet will provide US dollar accounts and cash management services to the US subsidiaries and offices of British-based companies.

Builders seek redress

BUILDERS are pressing the Government for up to £3 million compensation after improvement schemes for the A40 in west London were suddenly shelved. Earlier this month, and a week before the constructors had planned to submit tenders, the Highways Agency pulled two schemes from being publicly funded. The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors has complained to Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary. It is possible that the projects could re-emerge as private finance initiatives.

Active Imaging warns

SHARES of Active Imaging, the AIM-listed computer graphics group, fell 23p to 108p after it revealed the loss of two major franchises would put interim results significantly behind last year's. It said seven weeks ago Data Cell, a subsidiary, lost a distribution deal with ITI, the imaging group. David Slorach has resigned as Data Cell's managing director. The company said lost sales would be recovered by new distribution deals with Media Cybernetics and Cognex. Analysts downgraded 1996 forecasts from a £900,000 loss to one of £1.9 million.

Glenchewton higher

GLENCHEWTON, the import and distribution company that last year branched into the pubs business, reported interim pre-tax profits of £538,000, compared with £104,000 a year earlier. The results, for the six months ending June 30, include the first full six-month contribution from the 16 Country Style Inns acquired in October. Their sales grew 8 per cent on a like-for-like basis. Earnings per share rose to 1.89p, up 78 per cent. The company will pay an interim dividend of 0.45p per share (0.30p) on September 17.

Daily Mail group buys

DAILY MAIL AND GENERAL TRUST, the publishing and information company, is to acquire for £9.2 million an initial 40 per cent interest in British Study Group, a provider of academic and language courses for international students, based in Hove, East Sussex. DMGT is to acquire the outstanding shares by the year 2002 for a sum based on the performance of the company, valuing it at approximately £23 million. BSG, which will form part of Harmsworth Publishing, a DMGT subsidiary, made £1.3 million profit on £14.5 million turnover in 1995.

TransCo faces new curbs

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH GAS was last night studying an advance copy of price curbs for TransCo, its pipeline business. The regulator will today publish what is expected to be a softened version of initial proposals which caused a storm of protest when they were announced in May.

It is not clear whether the modification will be sufficient to deter British Gas from seeking a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Yesterday the Gas Consumers Council kept up the pressure for the curbs imposed on TransCo to deliver the £30 a year cut in household bills which the regulator had at first indicated would be likely next year.

Analysts are tipping the one-off charge to be within the 20 per cent to 25 per cent range. Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said that £30 off bills can be delivered with a reduction next year of 20 per cent.

Ofgas today will also unveil further assaults on TransCo's monopoly position with the publication of policy outlines on connection charging, metering and storage.

German rate cut hopes rise

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

GROWTH in German M3 money supply, the economic indicator most closely watched by the Bundesbank, slowed by more than expected in July and increased hopes that rates may be cut when the bank's policymaking council meets tomorrow.

Growth in M3 dropped to an annualised 8.6 per cent in July compared with 9.6 per cent in June. In addition, the monthly rise of 0.2 per cent was the lowest increase for a year.

Less positive for those hoping for lower rates was a big 0.6 per cent jump in bank lending, one of the key components of M3. Also, despite the fall in its annualised rate, M3 is still outside the Bundesbank's monitoring range of 4 to 7 per cent.

Despite such caveats, economists were a touch more confident after the figures that the Bundesbank may sanction a small reduction in its repurchase rate tomorrow. Last week, a number of senior officials, including Otmar Issing, the bank's chief economist, hinted that a rate cut may be possible if M3 growth continued to slow.

Business gives Australian budget cautious welcome

From Rachel Bridge in Sydney

AUSTRALIA'S financial community gave a cautious welcome to the coalition Government's first budget yesterday as Peter Costello, the Treasurer, delivered his promised A$8 billion (about £4 billion) of spending cuts but revealed a much worse than expected underlying budget deficit.

The slippage in the current deficit figure, which at A$5.65 billion was much higher than the market's expectations of A$4.9 billion, means that Australian's budget will not move into surplus until the 1998 financial year, rather than in 1997 as had been hoped.

Rob Henderson, chief economist at Dresdner Bank in Sydney, said yesterday: "My initial reaction is to give credit where credit is due. But I am disappointed in the underlying budget balance. We have to wait three years for a paltry surplus."

The Government's much heralded budget cuts, which include axing $1.8 billion from higher education and $400 million from Aboriginal funding, have sparked off angry demonstrations in Canberra.

Mr Costello is also cutting A$1.8 billion from employment programmes, A$300 million from foreign aid and A$620 million from spending on national roads. He described the budget measures as "balanced, strong and fair".

Mr Costello forecast an underlying budget deficit of A$1.55 billion for the financial year to June 1998, moving into surplus of A$957 million the following year, based on the assumption that GDP will grow by 3.5 per cent over the next year.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.06	1.90
Austria Sch	17.19	15.69
Belgium Fr	50.40	46.10
Canada $	2.229	2.069
Cyprus Cyp£	0.746	0.691
Denmark Kr	9.46	8.66
Finland Mkk	7.48	6.83
France Fr	8.27	7.62
Germany Dm	2.46	2.25
Greece Dr	383	358
Hong Kong $	12.59	11.59
Iceland	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Israel Shk	5.26	4.61
Italy Lira	2453	2298
Japan Yen	180.90	164.90
Malta	0.595	0.540
Netherlds Gld	2.733	2.503
New Zealand $	2.39	2.17
Norway Kr	10.49	9.69
Portugal Esc	247.00	228.50
S Africa Rd	7.63	6.83
Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.89	10.09
Switzerland Fr	2.00	1.82
Turkey Lira	136304	128304
USA $	1.644	1.514

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☐ Mortgage party may be premature ☐ Inspec's pay scheme is watered down ☐ Lloyd's inches towards a resolution

Beware the housing hangover

PENNINGTON

☐ THE nation is celebrating a full-tilt housing boom, and lenders are cutting each other's throats to supply mortgages. Areas are "up-and-coming" again; someone has even found a cure for negative equity. Admit to being an estate agent, and you can expect looks of envy rather than sympathy.

There is always someone who wants to spoil the party, so here are some negative pointers. The housing upsurge is much more fragile and more localised than earlier booms. That cure for negative equity, in the form of a guarantee to new borrowers, is more of an inoculation, and the original sufferers remain. Some lenders may even be storing up trouble in the way they account for all that new business.

First the housing upsurge. We are in danger of reading too much into figures from one, admittedly good, summer. New mortgage commitments are indeed 40 per cent up on a year ago. They are the best since, wait for it, March 1994, which does *not seem terribly long ago.* And was that *month not supposed to* have been the forerunner to an earlier "boom"? And whatever happened to that?

Anecdotal evidence alone proves that good quality family houses in attractive areas are indeed selling within days, before a single "For Sale" sign has been put up. This pent-up demand pushes up average prices, but what of the thousands of new homes in the wrong areas that builders are unable to sell?

The housing market, as Jon Foulds, chairman of the Halifax, pointed out yesterday, does not need another mortgage rate cut to maintain its momentum. Mortgages are now as cheap as *they need ever be. Yet new* borrowers are cautious, as are the more sensible building societies. The Halifax is wary of the rush for remortgage business, where huge rate discounts and cash-backs are common as incentives. Its new lending was also held back by those who opted to pay off their mortgages earlier rather than enjoying lower monthly payments as base rates fell — that caution again.

The Halifax is conservative in the way it accounts for those incentives. Along with Barclays Bank, for example, it takes them off profits at once, as the cost of winning new business. Others are less careful, some lenders writing them off over longer periods. In less than two years, mortgage incentives have cost the Halifax a total of £295 million in "accumulated differences" — and this from a lender that claims to be less aggressive in looking for new custom.

Consider the worst scenario for housing, a market that falls back again stranding hundreds of thousands in negative equity What chance of reclaiming those cash-backs, and how *many will default on their loans* just as low rates flip into higher ones? What is the bad debt position for those lenders who have taken the costs over a period of years? One would not wish to spoil anyone's party — but remember about hangovers.

Opting to take a no-lose line

☐ CORPORATE financiers become ever more ingenious. The mutated rights issue put together for Inspec is one of the cleverest devices so far put in place to swell boardroom pay, its very cleverness reflected by the length of time it took shareholders to catch on. The prospectus to the Inspec rights was published on July 26, but it took several weeks for institutions to realise that what was sold them as a simple cash-raising exercise contained a neat no-lose bet for executives and employees.

By this stage it was too late to uncouple the offending clause from the rights issue without putting the whole deal in jeopardy. Institutions, led by the Association of British Insurers, had to be content with tightening *the performance required before* the options materialise.

Under the terms of the scheme executives and employees, who already own more than 20 per cent of the company and could never have afforded to take up their rights, can elect to take share options instead. They transfer their rights under the issue to a trust which pays for the new shares in their place. The trust will only in due course be reimbursed if the executives so choose. They will pay the rights issue price, and need only do so if this guarantees them a profit.

Everyone at Inspec is rather hazy over just who dreamt this one up, but what the market has *missed is that this is the second* time around. A similar scheme was contained in a rights issue last year, and the first load of options has just been granted. Needless to say, they offer an immediate profit.

The ABI has managed to extract a promise from Inspec that the process will not be repeated. But such a lulu of an incentives package is ideal for companies where management hold a large stake, as in matured management buyouts such as Inspec, of which there are a fair few around. Management keep some measure of control rather than seeing their holdings diluted because the independent lawyers who control the trust are inclined to back them. At the same time, management can also become very rich. One might hope no more of these schemes will emerge, but shareholders should still be vigilant.

Much brooding in Lime Street

☐ COUNT your chickens slowly at Lloyd's. How often have *optimists hailed the end of the* long cliffhanger at the disaster-prone London insurance market, only to find that new troubles came to light, new disputes arose, new complications came up or last minute hitches stopped progress in its tracks.

In theory, all concerned should learn in eight days' time whether enough names have agreed the "final" £3.2 billion Reconstruction and Renewal scheme for it to go ahead. And yet. . . .

Yesterday, Ron Sandler, Lloyd's chief executive, gave evidence in what appears to be a crucial case in last-gasp state-by-state American legal attempts to block the scheme. So far, Lloyd's has won in lesser cases, including one in Tennessee over the weekend and another in New York yesterday. Then the counting has to start in Lime Street. Support is needed from names accounting for two thirds of the final contributions to Equitas, the all-purpose reinsurance vehicle designed to hive off past liabilities. Otherwise, professionals who have promised cash to end litigation might not play and there would not be enough premium to fund Equitas.

The latest Mori poll indicated five to one approval for R&R among UK names. But only signatures will be conclusive.

If the scheme goes ahead, years of financial misery still *await thousands of names.* At least they will finally know the damage. And what has to be done would have been done. The market itself could get on with its business and out of the headlines. But don't count on it.

Switched off

☐ A CONSUMER group says electricity companies are dragging their feet, refusing to prepare for the competitive market *in power in spring* 1998. But virtually all concerned believe this Government-imposed deadline cannot realistically be met. *Dragging your feet while being* frog-marched towards an utter disaster might be undignified, but it is surely better than rushing in of your own free will.

BSkyB hits new heights with profits leap of 66%

By Alasdair Murray

BRITISH Sky Broadcasting Group, the satellite television company, yesterday unveiled a record 66 per cent increase in full-year profits to £257 million.

The total number of subscribers to BSkyB's satellite *channels jumped 16 per cent to 5.5 million, while overall turn*over increased 30 per cent to a little more than £1 billion.

In March, BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, attracted 10 per cent of the total viewing audience for the first time. However, shares in the company closed down to 2p, at 535p, after profit-taking in the market. There was also some disappointment that the total dividend of 5.5p (2.5p) represented just 55 per cent of taxable earnings, compared with the expected rate of 66 per cent.

BSkyB recently renewed its contract to cover Premiership football until 2001. It also holds the rights for the Nationwide Football League, rugby union and rugby league matches and some boxing bouts. The company plans to add a further 11 channels in a joint venture in the autumn with Granada, the *media and leisure company*, taking the *total number available to* 40.

Chisholm: digital plans

The rate of subscription cancellation fell from 12.7 per cent to 12 per cent, while the number of subscribers supplied by cable rose 40 per cent to 1.77 million, with an increase in the number of premium channels sold through cable boosting total cable revenue 63 per cent.

Sam Chisholm, chief executive, said the solid growth would provide a firm base for the company to pursue its plans to launch digital satellite television next year.

BSkyB is considering partners, including BT, to help to promote and subsidise the launch. BT has expressed an interest in providing content services, such as Home Banking, through the new digital channels.

Mr Chisholm added that *BSkyB was now likely to* take a stake in Premiere, Germany's first pay per view channel, in alliance with Kirch Gruppe and Bertelsmann, the *German media groups*, and Canal Plus, the French television company.

BSkyB pulled out of the original launch of the new channel in March after the collapse of an alliance with Bertelsmann. But the company recently signed a joint-venture agreement with Kirch to develop a digital channel in Germany and is now prepared to acquire a 25 per cent stake in the Premiere venture.

A final dividend of 3p is payable on November 14.

Recovery under way at Graseby

By Fraser Nelson

GRASEBY, the electronic instrument maker, is in talks to supply its recently-developed toxic chemicals detector to a civil client in the Middle East.

The talks, which follow last month's £32 million deal to supply the device to the US Army, signal the recovery of Graseby's defence division. The company said demand for its gas detectors had risen after heavy use of chemical weapons in the Gulf War.

Paul Lester, chief executive, said all four divisions had returned to growth. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 recovered from a disastrous second half of 1995, increasing from £2.3 million to £5 million, but were still 7 per cent behind the first half of 1995. Medical divison sales were hit by fewer NHS orders. The interim is held at 2.7p.

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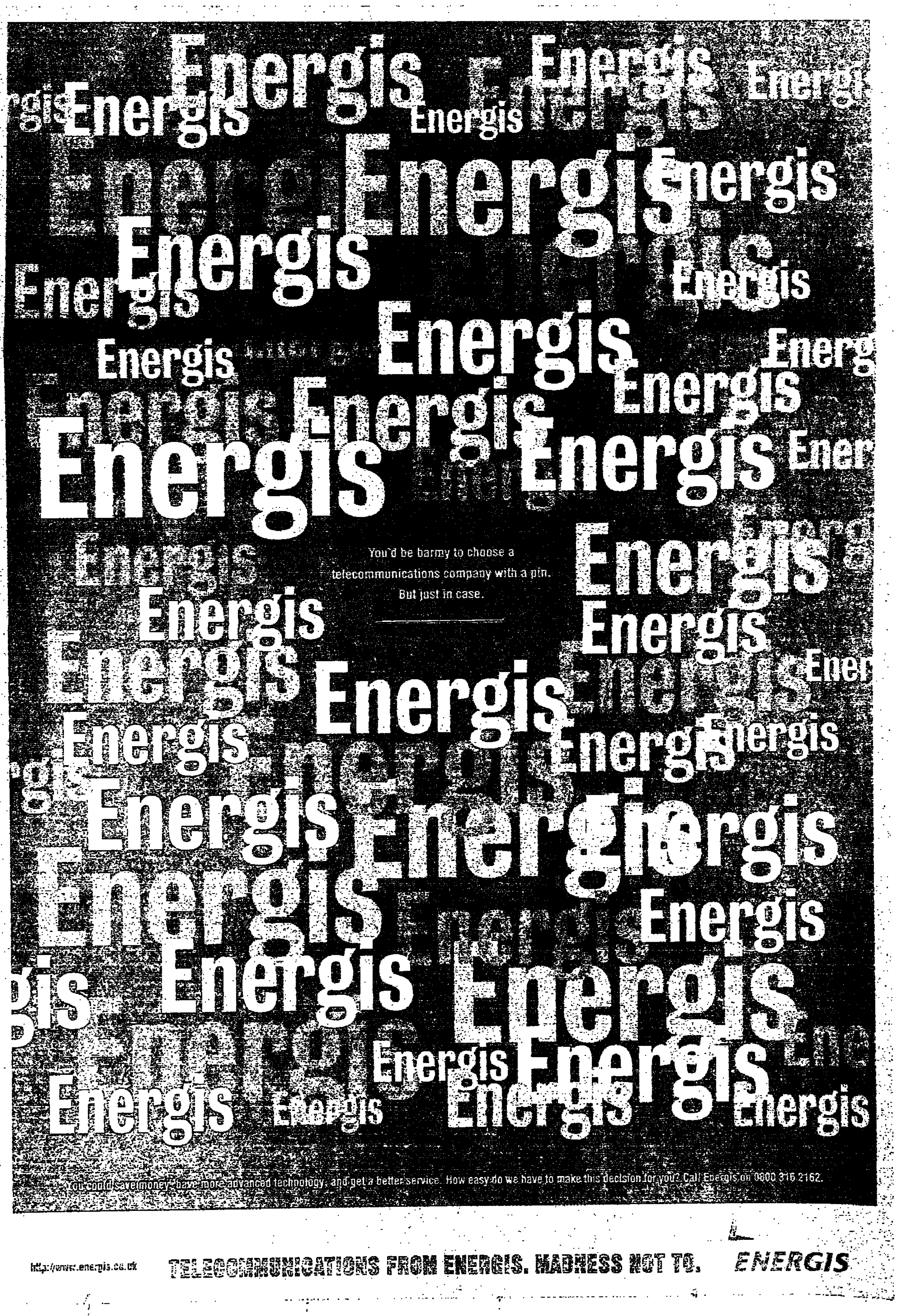
Anger over Costain disclosure

By Oliver August

COSTAIN shareholders were furious yesterday over news that the company was in breach of Stock Exchange rules because more than 75 per cent of its shares are in the hands of only three investors. They fear Costain's share listing may be cancelled and believe the company should have informed them sooner.

The UK Shareholder Association said such an omission went against the Cadbury Report on corporate governance. Edmund Jackson, of the UK Shareholder Association, said the board must make every effort to circulate what they will do as widely as possible.

If the listing was cancelled, 15,000 shareholders would be without an open market for their shares. A Costain spokesman said: "There is an active market where you can buy and sell easily."



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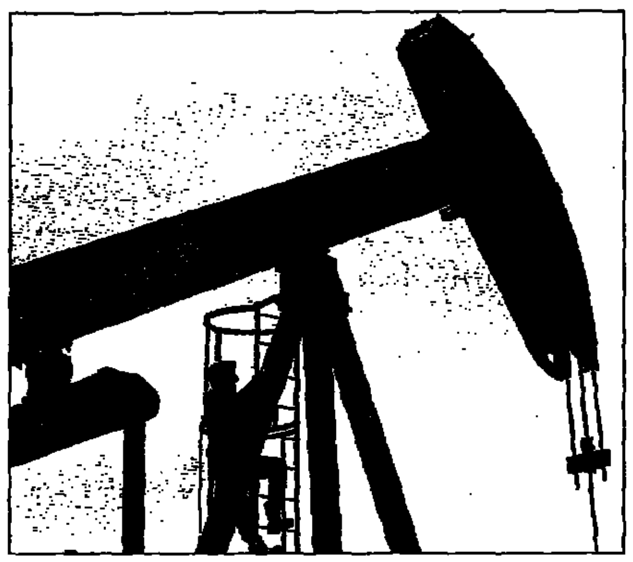
STOCK MARKET **MICHAEL CLARK**

Interest rate hopes help push shares to record

INVESTORS on the London stock market were getting the most out of the "feel-good" factor yesterday as a subdued set of British money supply figures led them to believe that there was still scope for another cut in interest rates.

Their reasoning was underpinned by the German money supply which, it is hoped, will encourage the Bundesbank to cut rates when it meets tomorrow. Whatever the outcome, *market-makers decided that* the only way was up as prices were *marked higher in thin* trading, enabling the FT-SE 100 *index to close* 19.5 *points* up at a new all-time high of 3,883.2. The *previous* best was 3,872.9 last Friday.



A surge in the price of crude gave oil shares a boost

A total of 606 million shares changed hands, with investors concentrating their efforts on blue-chip stocks. **Bass** was up 14p at 836p. **Rank Organisation** 6p better at 473p. **Zeneca** 13p higher at £15.03 and **Unilever** 12p harder at £12.95. **BAT** rallied 4p to 456p as turnover reached 12.2 million shares, with the company awaiting the outcome of another US tobacco lawsuit.

A surge in the price of crude oil on world markets and a sprinkling of "buy" recommendations brought a revival in oil shares. ***BP*** touched 636p before retreating to close 2p easier at 629p on turnover of six million shares, while **Shell** added 12p at 961p, encouraged by some positive comments *from HSBC James Capel and* rival ABN Amro Hoare Govett. **Enterprise Oil** was another firm market, adding *14½p at 510½p with* Robert Fleming Securities said to be *pushing the shares as more* than four million were traded.

Elsewhere *in the* sector, comments from BZW were *good for* ***Cairn Energy****, up 8p* at 322p, **Clyde Petroleum**, 1p *firmer at 65p, and* **Hardy Oil**, which finished 4p higher at a *year's high of 274p. Followers* in the oil industry see Hardy *as a potential takeover target* at some stage.

Grand Metropolitan *stood* out with a rise of 15p at 477p on *turnover of almost five million shares.* Pillsbury, the *company's US food subsidiary*, is due to give a *presentation to brokers in London this* morning offering an update on current trading and prospects.

Hazlewood Foods slipped 1p to 98p as a large "put-through" went through the market as part of a delayed trade. The ticker showed a line of 7.4 million shares at 98p.

Disappointment over the dividend left **BSkyB**, the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News International, publisher of *The Times*, 2p easier at 535p. This marred an otherwise impressive first-half performance that saw revenues breach the £1 billion mark for the first time with pre-tax profits growing 66 per cent to £257.4 million. The *company now has five million* paying customers with the *bulk of recent subscriber* growth coming from cable companies.

EMI was again being *chased higher, finishing 14p* dearer at £14.74 on turnover of *2.1 million shares after the* demerger. The shares have *been included among the top* 100 constituents, prompting the tracking funds to increase their weighting. **Thorn** was 2p lighter at 389p as six million shares were traded.

Half-year losses at **Orange**, the mobile phone operator, were no worse than expected and the news that the group had captured 10 per cent of the market lifted the shares 6p to 193p. The price remains 12p *short of the 205p that the* shares were floated at in April, *and the company has already* said it will not pay a dividend *until it breaks even.* Brokers say that is unlikely to be before 1998-99.

Investors continued to ponder *this week's better than* expected interim figures from ***Argos*** *and the outlook for* consumer spending overall. *They have concluded that the* outlook is bright and that the stores sector should be bought. This view is expected to be confirmed later this morning when the latest retail sales are published.

The ensuing revival in institutional demand and stock shortages combined to drive a number of the leading retailers sharply higher. *Leading* the way were **Great Universal Stores**, *23p dearer at 663p*, followed by **Kingfisher**, 14p *better at 665p*, **Marks & Spencer**, 5p at 499p, **Storehouse**, 6p at 310p, **Dixons**, 11p at 535p, **Next**, 4p at 562p, and **H&C Furniture**, *6p at 202p*. Argos eased 1p to 756p after Monday's sharp rise.

Railtrack continued to reach new heights with a rise of 5½p to 255½p. Institutional investors have been snapping up the shares ahead of them going ex the 13.75p dividend on Tuesday.

Costain, the construction group which has just pushed through a £74 million rescue package, came under selling pressure losing 5p at 66p.

A profits warning just four months after making its public debut left AIM-listed **Active Imaging**, the intelligent camera products group, 18p lower at 110p. Beeson Gregory, the company's own broker, had forecast a pre-tax loss of *almost £1 million*.

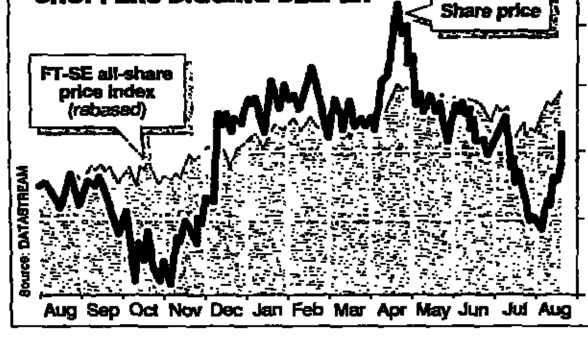
Takare's change of tack was rewarded by the City with a rise of 5p to 136p. The group *has backed away from building new sheltered homes because of the slow-down in* occupancies.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** *Investors* in London attempted to *establish a new trading level while* keeping a close eye on the *outcome of the FOMC meeting* in America. Brokers reported *switching by investors* in the cash market, but little *fresh retail demand. Prices in* London turned easier towards *the close in line with other* overseas bond markets.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt closed £⅛ lower at £108 in another day of thin trading that saw just 28,000 contracts completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost five ticks at £99⁵/₃₂, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was steady at £103¹⁹/₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** On Wall Street shares were mixed with oil companies edging higher. By midday the Dow Jones Industrial average was 6.65 points higher at 5,706.

Zotefoams has fallen a long way from its peak of 339p this year, closing steady at 215p last night. Credit Lyonnais Laing says prospects remain attractive. It expects the shares to recover their premium rating ***once de-stocking by one customer has been*** **completed. Shares should be bought up to the 250p level, it says.**



GREAT UNIVERSAL STORES: SHOPPERS DIGGING DEEPER

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5706.09 (+6.65)
S&P Composite	666.04 (-0.54)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21127.01 (+30.60)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	11312.51 (+99.03)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	565.72 (+4.87)
Sydney:	
AO	2264.7 (+3.2)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2560.26 (-2.50)
Singapore:	
Straits	2123.81 (+18.15)
Brussels:	
General	9550.41 (+26.07)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2019.26 (+33.05)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	774.10 (+5.50)
London:	
FT 30	2819.8 (+17.9)
FT 100	3883.2 (+19.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	4385.3 (+17.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1941.6 (+9.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1659.23 (+8.49)
FT A All-Share	1917.75 (+8.79)
FT Non Financials	2021.06 (+10.27)
FT Fixed Interest	113.75 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs	93.33 (-0.06)
Bargains	32435
SEAQ Volume	629.0m
USM (Datastrm)	204.30 (+0.14)
US$	1.5471 (+0.0018)
German Mark	2.3043 (+0.0047)
Exchange Index	84.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2102
£:SDR	1.0625
RPI	152.4 Jul (2.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	151.9 Jul (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AND International	89	+ 2
Allzyme	46	...
Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Barbican Health	66	...
Chemical Design	153	+ 2
Dentmaster	4	...
Drings of Bath	4	...
Egypt Trust	678¾	- ¼
Electronic Retail	201	+ 3
Fayrewood	48	...
Gall Thomson Env	61	...
HIT Enter (163)	202	...
Hambros Smlr Asn C	65	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97	...
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Lon & Edin Prnt	15½	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
Pordum Foods Wts	1½	...
SCi Entertnmnt	163	- 2
Schrod Em Cntrs C	371	...
Schrod Emg Cou Wts	36	...
Schrod Emg Countrs	91½	...
Selector	68	...
Somerfield (145)	156½	- ½
West 175 Enterprises	*130*	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ivern Wst Uts n/p (40)	4	...
Jerome & Sons n/p (68)	2	...
Scot Power n/p (250)	53	+ 1
Shaftesbury n/p (125)	14	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Pochins	105p (+11p)
Shield Diag	145p (+15p)
Perry Gp	199p (+14p)
Brit Biotech	202p (+10p)
Mitel	428p (+17p)
Cortecs	*285p (+11p)*
Renishaw	515p (+19p)
GUS	663p (+23p)
Andrews Sykes	435p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Wace	142p (-10p)
Tom Cobleigh	209p (-9p)
VR Superscape	480p (-20p)
Charter	857p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Oranges and lemons

THE main draw back of hi-tech businesses is the speed at which wonder products become commodities and mobile telephony is no exception. Orange is well-run and growing fast in an expanding market. It has a reputation for clever marketing but since mid-June, when Orange joined the FT-SE 100 Index, its shares have been on the slide. Since the beginning of this month, they have trailed the index by 30 per cent.

First-half figures showed that Orange is still meeting its targets. The threat is external: the City believes growth in mobile telephony has slowed substantially — *a perception that* Orange was yesterday at pains to disprove.

Orange suggests *that the sharp fall in new* connections is because potential customers are holding back, *confused by the complexity* of call tariffs and attempts by Vodafone and Cellnet to copy the pricing initiatives of their smaller rival. The more *established* companies are also battling with churn rates of around 25 per cent *as they attempt to convert* their analogue customers to a digital service.

This is not very *convincing*. Orange's laborious explanation only confirms the suspicion *that everyone* who needs a mobile phone probably already has one. For the rest of us, they are an *occasionally* useful tool but more often an expensive toy.

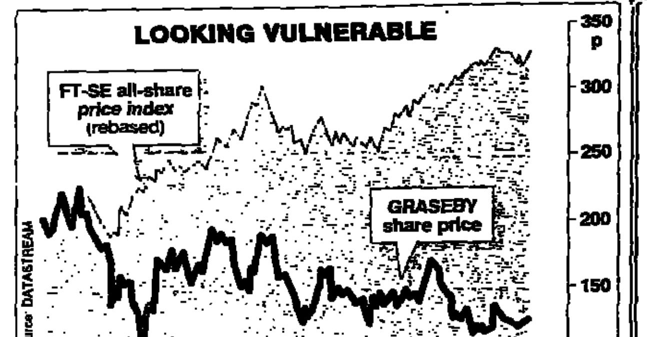
Orange is winning a third of the industry's new customers and its revenue per subscriber *is growing* but two years away from profitability its shares will continue to be *driven by* market sentiment. For all its strengths, the company is the victim of the success of the industry. There are too many in this market and it is too early to pick a winner.

Graseby

THE PROBLEM facing Graseby is whether it has enough time to show that it can put things right before another company decides to take the job over. Graseby's story is of the decline of its defence business, which five years ago was making £6 million but has since suffered. Consolation came unexpectedly as Americans panicked about chemical weapons during the Gulf War, resulting in a five-year deal that could be worth $50 million, supplying chemical warfare detection equipment to the US Army. Other countries could provide a further $25 million in sales.

Nonetheless, Graseby knows that it needs to sell its volatile defence business. With the prospect of an upswing, *Graseby has an* opportunity to shed the business and reinvest in its medical equipment and environmental divisions. Both have had shaky records, the former troubled by cutbacks in health budgets and the latter sluggish because of a lack of new laws to stimulate sales of air-monitoring products.

The good news is that 3M1T, the infusion therapy business acquired in July, could contribute £1 million in profit after interest in a full year. More defence sales and the benefits of cost-cutting in environmental products suggest £9 million to £10 million in 1997 after a flattish 1996. Graseby now has the best *opportunity in* five years to get it right, and cannot afford *to slip up*.



LOOKING VULNERABLE

Thistle Hotels

THERE *may be a shortage of* beds in West End hotels, but *the same cannot be said in* the City of shares in hotel *companies. Thistle Hotels* is the latest chain to join the *flotation queue. In the past* year, three new hotel groups have come to the market, and two other chains have cashed *in on buoyant hotel trading* with rights issues.

Having complained about the paucity of pure hotel stocks, investors are now beginning to mutter about overcrowding. However, Thistle should still receive a warm welcome, provided it prices itself sensibly. The flurry of activity in the hotel market has partly concealed the fact that the actual size of the offerings has remained relatively small. Thistle serves a different market to the specialist and international Princess Metropole, also seeking a listing next month, and should avoid unfair comparisons.

Nonetheless, Thistle has a *strong portfolio of four-star* hotels with a bias to the more *profitable* London market. Its strategy of pursuing organic *growth is conservative, up*grading suitable Mount Charlotte hotels to the Thistle brand, with plans to add 2,000 *rooms* through hotel extensions in the next few years. The company hints that it would be pleased with a valuation of up to £1.5 billion. More modesty in its *pricing ambitions* would make certain that Thistle gets some early block bookings.

Kingfisher

IF YOU still had doubts that the stock market is anticipating a retail recovery, a look at Kingfisher's share price should dispel them. From a low of just over £5 in February, shares in the Woolworths to B&Q retailing conglomerate reached 669p yesterday. Good sales figures from Argos and mortgage growth statistics gave Kingfisher an extra fillip. If Kingfisher's rise is impressive, it is also worth remembering *where it came from in order* to decide where it may be *going*. Leaving aside its French subsidiary, Darty, Kingfisher is largely a collection of high street also-rans *that encountered trouble during the retailing doldrums.*

Aggressive cost-cutting has put Comet back into profit, and Woolworths margins are on the mend, and these companies will benefit, as will B&Q, from a free-spending consumer. However, that is not a reason for Kingfisher to enjoy a high rating. In a rising market, cyclical businesses do well — B&Q and Comet should benefit, but the former still trades in an overcrowded market and the latter is hopelessly outclassed by Dixons.

In a year's time Kingfisher will be doing well if it maintains its sector average rating. A discount might be more appropriate.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1020-1019	Dec	1095-1093
Dec	1040-1039	Mar	1104-1100
Mar	*1053-1051*	*May*	*1110-1105*
May	1062-1060	Jul	1115-1113
Jul	1075-1073		
Sep	1085-1084		Volume: 4464

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1678-1673	May	1560-1550
Nov	1648-1645	Jul	1545-1540
Jan	1614-1606	Sep	1560-1540
Mar	1575-1566		Volume: 4898

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	337.5-36.5
Spot: 374.8		*Aug*	335.5-34.5
Oct	352.6-52.0	Oct	327.5-25.4
Dec	346.5-45.7	Dec	328.5-26.2
Mar	342.3-41.5		Volume: 1599

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	112.46	77.88	96.10
(+/-)	+0.04	-7.83	-1.05
Eng/Wales:	112.36	111.25	95.81
(+/-)	-0.09	+2.65	-0.97
(%)	+1.0	-22.0	-8.0
Scotland:	115.95	109.72	98.64
(+/-)	+4.34	+3.55	-2.56
(%)	-7.0	+8.0	+15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	21.35	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.70	n/c
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.25	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	22.30	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	21.70	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	215 (n/c)	218 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	189 (n/c)	191 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (n/c)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	169 (-1)	192 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	188.00-88.25	Dec	183.75-84.00
Oct	*187.00-87.25*	*Jan*	*181.00-81.25*
Nov	185.25-85.50		Vol: 14407

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	20.67-20.70	Jan	19.31-19.35
Nov	20.30-20.24	Feb	18.91-18.95
Dec	19.74 *BID*		Vol. 27215

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	106.60	Sep	99.75
Nov	108.90	Nov	102.60
Jan	*110.75*	*Jan*	*104.90*
Mar	112.70	Mar	106.65
May	114.80	May	108.15
Volume: 562		Volume: 108	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	72.5
Mar		75.0
Apr	81.9	83.3
		Volume: 40

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Sep 58.25-58.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	*Low*	*Close*
Aug 96	1125	1125	1122
Sep 96	1205	1190	1193
Oct 96	1310	1285	1287
Jan 97	1315	1300	1298
Vol: 132 lots		Open interest: 3834	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1984.0-1986.0	1940.0-1942.0	187400
Lead ($/tonne)	820.00-821.00	820.00-821.00	27850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1005.5-1006.5	1032.5-1033.0	690050
Tin ($/tonne)	6098.0-6099.0	6150.0-6155.0	25065
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1447.0-1447.5	1482.5-1483.0	205675
Nickel ($/tonne)	6973.0-6975.0	7080.0-7085.0	125160

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	420	35½	43	47½	4	13	17½
(*445½)	460	11½	20½	27	18½	33	38
ASDA	110	10	13	14½	1½	4	5½
(*119½)	120	4	7½	9½	5½	8½	9½
Boots	600	44½	54	66	3½	12	16
(*636½)	650	13	25½	37	22½	33½	37½
Br Airways	500	38½	48	58½	5	12½	16½
(*529½)	550	10½	21½	31½	25½	34½	40
BP	600	39	49½	58	5½	13½	19
(*629)	650	10½	23½	32	27½	36½	42½
Br Steel	180	9½	13½	17	4½	9½	11½
(*183)	200	2	5½	9	17½	22	23½
C & W	390	24½	35	43	7	14	19½
(*404)	420	9	20	28	21½	29	34½
CU	600	21	38	46½	15½	24	39
(*601)	650	4½	16½	24½	50	54½	70
ICI	750	49	68	78½	7½	16½	27½
(*786½)	800	19	38	49½	27	36½	50½
Land Sec	650	38½	45½	57½	3½	11½	14
(*680½)	700	8½	18	29½	23½	33	37
M & S	460	44½	50½	58½	1½	6	9½
(*498½)	500	15	24½	32½	13	20½	24
Nat West	650	51	68½	76½	7	14½	25
(*688½)	700	20	39	47½	25½	35	51
Safeway plc	330	24½	32	38	4½	11	14½
(*347½)	360	8	16½	23	18½	26	29½
Sainsbury	390	23½	30½	39½	4	10	13½
(*409)	420	6½	16	24	17½	24½	28½
Shell	950	25	42	54	20	28	40
(*967½)	1000	5½	19½	30	54½	59	69½
Smkl Bch	687	55½	—	—	6	—	—
(*731½)	736	23	—	—	27½	—	—
Storehse	300	17½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*310)	330	4	—	—	21½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1500	52½	66½	111	46½	68	80
(*1503½)	1550	31½	63½	87½	77	96	108
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	420	36	45½	55½	0	5½	8
(*456)	460	1½	23	31½	6	20	23
Vodafone	240	4½	17	20½	1	10	13½
(*243½)	260	0	8½	12	16½	21½	25
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	460	13½	29½	38	0½	11	21
(*473)	500	0	10½	19½	27	32½	43
Ladbroke	180	17	21	25½	0	4½	7
(*197)	200	1	10	14½	3½	13	16
Utd Bisc	200	10	16½	21½	0½	6	9
(*210)	220	0	6½	12	10½	16½	19½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	460	36	43½	52½	3	10	13
(*489)	500	11	20	29	18½	27	31½
Thames W	500	46	52	61½	2	10½	15
(*539½)	550	13	22	33½	18	32½	37½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	240	17	20½	24½	0	5½	7
(*257)	260	1	8½	14	3½	15	16½
Br Aero	950	12	46½	65½	1½	29½	39½
(*960½)	1000	0	24½	44½	39½	58	67
Br Telcm	360	13½	24½	30½	0½	7½	14½
(*373½)	390	0½	8½	15	16½	21½	30½
Cadbury	500	12	28½	41	0½	16	23
(*512)	550	0	9	22	39	48	53
Guinness	460	16½	27	38½	0½	10½	15
(*476)	500	0	8½	19	24	32½	39
GEC	390	2½	19	26	1½	12½	17½
(*392)	420	0	7	13	29	34	34½
Hanson	160	2	8	11½	1	8½	12
(*162)	180	0½	2	5	16	22½	25½
LASMO	180	13	18	23	0	2½	4½
(*193)	200	0½	7	11½	7	11	13
Lucas	240	2	15	21½	2	12½	15
(*240½)	260	0	7	13	19½	23½	26½
Pilkngtn	191	3	—	—	1	—	—
(*194)	210	0½	—	—	16	—	—
Prudential	420	3	19	29	1	11½	22½
(*422)	460	0	7	13	38	44½	45½
Redland	420	16½	28½	37½	0½	13½	17½
(*435)	460	0½	10½	19	25	30½	40
R-Royce	200	18½	22½	26½	0	3½	6
(*218½)	220	1	9½	14½	2½	11	14½
Tesco	300	12	19½	27	0½	7½	12½
(*312)	330	0½	6½	15½	18	21½	28½
Williams	330	18	22½	—	0½	6½	—
(*348)	360	0½	7	—	13½	22	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3882.)

	3750	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000
Calls						
Sep	150½	113	75½	44	22	6
Oct	172½	134	98½	67	43½	25½
Nov	190	151	119	88½	65	42½
Dec	214	179½	147	114½	90½	66½
Jun	—	269	—	216½	—	165½
Puts						
Sep	9½	16½	29½	50½	81	119½
Oct	24	34½	49½	69	96	130
Nov	36½	47½	64½	84	110½	141½
Dec	51	65½	83½	103	129	156½
Jun	—	149½	—	192½	—	241

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Abby Natl	550	50½	65½	77	1½	5	20½
(*597)	600	14½	33½	45½	15½	26	41½
Amstrad	130	12½	19	—	2	7½	—
(*139½)	140	7	14½	—	6	11½	—
Barclays	900	43	69	87	8	21½	38
(*932)	950	14½	43	59	30	44	61½
Blue Circ	360	33	39½	45	1½	6½	9
(*391)	390	10	20	27	11	18½	20½
Br Gas	180	19½	22½	25	2	6	7
(*197½)	200	6½	9½	14½	9	15½	17
Dixons	501	39½	54½	64½	2	9½	16½
(*535)	551	8½	25½	36	21½	30½	38
Forte	343	43½	—	—	0	—	—
(*383)	373	14½	—	—	1	—	—
Tarmac	100	4	7½	10	2½	8	9
(*101½)	110	1	3½	6	10	14	15
Hillsdwn	180	6½	11½	15	3	8	9½
(*180½)	200	0½	3½	6½	16½	20½	21½
Lonrho	160	8	13	16	2½	6	8½
(*164)	180	1	4½	7½	16	19	20
Sears	90	9½	11½	—	0½	2	—
(*97½)	100	2½	6	—	4	6½	—
Thorn EMI	1850	80½	127	—	11½	50	—
(*1867½)	1900	19½	66	—	58	85	—
Tomkins	240	20½	27	31	1	4	7
(*259)	260	6½	14½	19	7	11	15
Lloyds TSB	330	29½	35½	44½	1	6	11
(*356½)	360	9	21	29½	10	17½	27
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	900	40½	65½	95	23	39½	49½
(*914½)	950	17	40½	59½	47	59½	75½
HSBC	1150	52	84½	100½	24½	44½	67
(*1165½)	1200	26½	59	74½	51½	69	93
Reuter	750	35	56	70½	21	34	44½
(*759½)	800	12½	30	47	51	60½	71
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal & Sun	394	15½	27	31½	12½	21	28½
(*399½)	431	3½	12	16	39½	44½	52
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	650	29	53	63½	14	28	37½
(*665)	700	8	29½	37½	43½	55½	64
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1250	63	74	90½	6½	17	22½
(*1294½)	1300	29	42½	65½	23½	36	42
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	400	14½	27	38½	5½	17	23
(*406)	450	0½	8	17½	42	48	52
Scot Pwr	394	15	25	29½	2½	9½	14½
(*393½)	423	3	11	17	20	24	30

August 20, 1996 Tot: 41519 Call: 21111 Put: 20408 FT-SE Call: 6178 Put: 7234

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3892.0	3905.0	3881.0	3896.0	8277
Previous open interest: 69216	Dec 96	3914.5	3920.0	3914.5	3916.5	34
FT-SE 250	Sep 96				4365.0	0
Previous open interest: 3769	Dec 96					*0*
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.22	94.23	94.21	94.22	6225
Previous open interest: 436984	Dec 96	94.17	94.19	94.16	94.17	9499
	Mar 97	93.96	93.98	93.94	93.96	7715
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	99.15	99.15	99.13	99.13	220
	Mar 97	*98.93*	*98.93*	*98.92*	*98.92*	*245*
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 96	96.74	96.74	96.71	96.72	18804
Previous open interest: 1073217	Dec 96	96.71	96.74	96.70	96.70	23536
Long Gilt	Sep 96	108-05	108-06	107-29	108-00	28576
Previous open interest: 154610	Dec 96	107-10	107-11	107-07	107-07	2297
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	120.75	120.88	120.73	120.73	2230
	Dec 96	119.60	119.59	119.42	119.42	1217
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 96	98.10	98.25	97.92	98.05	95311
Previous open interest: 266268	Dec 96	97.25	97.27	97.15	97.17	4861
Three month ECU	Sep 96	95.60	95.63	95.60	95.61	816
Previous open interest: 26910	Dec 96	95.63	95.63	95.61	95.62	484
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 96	97.69	97.71	97.66	97.69	3172
Previous open interest: 75655	Dec 96	97.64	97.66	97.61	97.63	2771
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 96	115.98	116.32	115.37	115.71	55109
Previous open interest: 67593	Dec 96	*115.60*	*115.60*	*115.00*	*115.01*	*1380*

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5 Week fixed: [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 5¾, close 5					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	6
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.32	n/a	5.40	5.54	5.76
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $387.35-387.65 **Close:** $387.30-387.80 **High:** $387.45-387.95 **Low:** $386.00-386.50 **AM:** $387.10 **PM:** $387.10

Krugerrand: $386.50-389.50 (£250.00-252.00)

Platinum: *$399.25 (£258.25)* ***Silver:*** *$5.21 (£3.375)* **Palladium:** $125.00 (£80.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5806-2.5856	2.5833-2.5851	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	47.370-47.510	47.443-47.477	13-8pr	32-26pr
Copenhagen	8.8800-8.9040	8.8939-8.9020	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9618-0.9639	0.9624-0.9636	2pr-1ds	2pr-3ds
Frankfurt	2.3005-2.3052	2.3033-2.3052	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	235.69-236.47	236.21-236.46	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	194.38-194.88	194.74-194.88	20-33ds	78-85ds
Milan	2343.4-2349.5	2347.4-2349.5	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1201-2.1255	2.1239-2.1255	0.32-0.26pr	0.59-0.51pr
New York	1.5442-1.5475	1.5469-1.5475	0.057-0.037pr	0.123-0.092pr
Oslo	9.9260-9.9633	9.9478-9.9633	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.8570-7.8760	7.8691-7.8737	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	10.200-10.238	10.212-10.224	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	166.72-167.69	167.53-167.69	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.185-16.225	16.208-16.223	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	*1.8653-1.8707*	*1.8687-1.8702*	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2706-1.2714
Austria	10.48-10.49
Belgium (Com)	30.70-30.71
Canada	1.3733-1.3738
Denmark	5.7530-5.7550
France	5.0910-5.0915
Germany	1.4904-1.4909
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7365
Ireland	1.6062-1.6072
Italy	1518.75-1518.95
Japan	108.32-108.37
Malaysia	2.4925-2.4935
Netherlands	1.6714-1.6719
Norway	6.4363-6.4438
Portugal	152.78-152.88
Singapore	1.4109-1.4119
Spain	125.97-126.02
Sweden	6.6065-6.6165
Switzerland	1.2085-1.2095

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5452-1.5478
Australia dollar	1.9633-1.9657
Bahrain dinar	0.5760-0.5880
Brazil real*	1.5621-1.5664
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7060-0.7160
Finland markka	*6.8510-6.9060*
Greece drachma	363.50-370.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.9407-11.9599
India rupee	54.63-55.59
Indonesia rupiah	3584.0-3652.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4580-0.4680
Malaysia ringgit	3.8517-3.8555
New Zealand dollar	2.2388-2.2421
Pakistan rupee	54.77 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5575-5.6000
Singapore dollar	2.1801-2.1827
S Africa rand (com)	6.8500-6.8900
U A E dirham	5.6100-5.7340

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,200	Marks Spr	4,400
ASDA Gp	4,100	NatWst Bk	3,300
Abbey Ntl	2,600	Nat Grid	8,400
Allied Dom	1,101	*Nat Power*	*1,100*
Argos	1,200	Next	677
AB Foods	595	Orange	7,600
BAA	1,600	P & O	463
BAT Inds	12,300	Pearson	503
BOC	516	Pilkington	2,800
BP	6,000	PowerGen	941
BSkyB	2,300	Prudential	7,700
BTR	6,800	RMC	57
BT	6,700	RTZ	1,500
Bk of Scot	4,500	Railtrack	11,500
Barclays	2,500	Rank Org	1,600
Bass	1,300	Reckitt Col	1,400
Blue Circle	2,000	Redland	2,201
Boots	1,500	Reed Intl	1,300
BAe	879	Rentokil	2,801
BA	3,600	*Reuters*	*735*
Brit Gas	4,000	Rolls Royce	6,200
Brit Steel	7,100	Royal & Sun	3,000
Burmah Cstl	294	Royal Bk Sct	2,100
Burton	2,600	Safeway	2,300
Cable Wire	2,800	Sainsbury	1,800
Cadbury	3,000	Schroders	64
Carlton Cms	1,200	Scot & New	924
Cm Union	527	Scot Power	2,600
Courtaulds	390	Svrn Trent	774
Dixons	2,500	*Shell Trans*	3,600
EMI	2,400	Siebe	966
Enterpr Oil	4,300	SmKl Bch	3,000
GKN	*415*	*Smith Nph*	645
GRE	2,000	Smiths Inds	413
GUS	2,900	Sthern Elec	525
Gen Acc	860	Std Chartd	3,800
Gen Elec	4,400	TI Gp	2,800
Glaxo Well	3,700	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Granada	1,900	Tesco	2,800
Grand Met	5,600	Thames W	1,100
Guinness	3,000	Thorn	9,300
HSBC	2,200	Tomkins	1,300
Hanson	7,900	Unilever	711
ICI	483	Utd Utilities	1,000
Kingfisher	834	Utd News	671
LASMO	5,100	Vodafone	3,300
Ladbroke	1,700	Whitbread	2,400
Land Secs	1,800	Wlms Hld	1,100
Legal & Gn	726	Wolseley	1,100
Lloyds TSB	5,100	Zeneca	794

WALL STREET

	Aug 20 midday	Aug 19 close
AMP Inc	38½	38½
AMR Corp	84½	84
ASA	39½	39½
AT & T	54½	54½
Abbott Labs	47½	47
Advanced Micro	12½	13½
Aetna Life	68½	68½
Ahmanson (HF)	26½	26½
Air Prod & Chem	55½	55
AirTouch Comm	29½	28½
Alberto-Culver B	42½	42½
Albertsons	41½	41½
Alcan Alumnm	31½	30½
Alco Standard	47½	47
Allied Signal	63½	63½
Alum Co of Am	62½	61½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	51½	51½
Amer Brands	42½	42
Amer El Power	42½	42½
Amer Express	45½	45½
Amer Genl Corp	36½	36½
Amer Home Pr	56½	56½
Amer Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Standard	31½	31
Ameritech	54½	54½
Amoco	70½	70½
Anheuser-Busch	75½	76
Apple Computer	21½	21½
Archer Daniels	18½	18½
Armco	4½	4½
Armstrong Wrld	63½	61½
Asarco	25½	25
Atl Richfield	119½	119
Auto Data Prn	41½	41½
Avery Dennison	53	52½
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	31½	31½
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	38½	38
BankAmerica	84½	83½
Bank of NY	29½	29½
Bankers Tr NY	79½	80½
Barnett Banks	65½	65½
Bausch & Lomb	36½	36½
Baxter Intl	43½	43½
Bectn Dicknsn	42½	42½
Bell Atlantic	59	59½
Bell Industries	16½	16½
BellSouth	38½	38½
Black & Decker	38½	38½
Block (H&R)	28½	28½
Boeing	91½	91½
Boise Cascade	34½	34½
Bristol Myrs Sq	86½	86½
Browning Ferris	25½	25½
Brunswick	21½	21½
Burlington Nthn	83½	83
CMS Energy Corp	30½	30½
CNA Financial	102½	102½
CPC Intl	69½	69½
CSX	51½	51½
Campbell Soup	67½	68
Can Pacific	23	22½
Carolina Pwr	36½	36½
Caterpillar	70½	70½
Central & SW	27½	27½
Champion Intl	44½	44½
Chase Manhat	77½	76½
Chevron Corp	60½	60
Chrysler	29	29½
Chubb Corp	45½	46½
Cigna Corp	120½	120½
Citicorp	86½	87½
Clorox	96½	94½
Coastal Corp	41½	42
Coca Cola	51½	51½
Coca Cola Ent	41	40
Colgate-Palmolive	82	82
Columbia Gas	58½	58½
ColumbiaHCA	56½	56½
Compaq Comp	57½	56½
Comp Ass Intl	58	57½
Conagra	45½	45½
Conrail	68½	68½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	48½	48½
Cooper Inds	40½	40½
Corestates	41½	41½
Corning Inc	38	38½
Crown Cork	48½	48½
Dana Corp	28½	29½
Dayton Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	39	39½
Delta Air Lines	67½	68½
Deluxe Corp	30½	30½
Digital Equip	37½	37½
Dillard Dept St	34½	34½
Disney (Walt)	57½	58
Dominion Res	38½	38½
Donnelley (RR)	33½	33½
Dover Corp	43½	44
Dow Chemical	73½	73½
Dow Jones	36½	36½
Dresser	23½	23½
Duke Power	47½	47½
Dun & Bradstreet	58½	58½
Du Pont	83½	82
Eastman Chem	53½	52½
Eastman Kodak	73½	74½
Eaton Corp	55½	56
Edison Intl	16½	16½
Emerson Elec	85½	84½
Engelhard Corp	21½	20½
Enron Corp	42½	42½
Entergy	26½	25½
Ethyl Corp	9½	9½
Exxon	84½	83½
FMC Corp	65½	65½
FPL Group	46	46½
Federal Express	74	74½
Fed Nat Mtge	32½	33
First Bk Sys	62½	62½
First Union Rty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	41½	41½
Fluor Corp	65½	64½
Ford Motor	33½	33½
GTE Corp	41½	41½
Gannett	68½	69
Gap Inc Del	35½	35½
Gen Dynamics	65½	65½
Gen Electric	84½	85
Gen Mills	55½	55½
Gen Motors	51½	51½
Gen Reinsurance	152½	152½
Gen Signal	40½	40
Genuine Parts	43½	43½
Georgia Pac	77½	77½
Gillette	64½	64½
Glaxo Welle ADR	26½	26
Goodrich (BF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	46½	46½
Grace (WR)	66½	67
Gt Atl Pac Tea	27	27½
Great Wstn Fin	24½	24½
Halliburton	55½	54½
Harcourt General	48½	48½
Heinz (HJ)	32	32½
Hercules	52	52½
Hershey Foods	86½	86½
Hewlett Packard	42½	42½
Hilton Hotels	105	104½
Home Depot	53	53½
Homestake Mng	17½	17
Honeywell	56	56½
Household Intl	79½	80½
Houston Inds	22½	22½
Humana	19½	19½
ITT Corp	56½	56
Illinois Tool	70½	70½
Illinova	26½	26½
INCO	31½	31½
Ingersoll Rand	44½	45
Inland Steel	17½	17½
Intel Corp	80½	80½
IBM	110½	110
Intl Flav & Fr	45½	45
Intl Paper	41	41
James River Va	26½	26½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	52	52½
Kellogg	73½	73½
Kerr-McGee	58½	58½
Kimberly-Clark	79	78½
Kmart	10½	10½
Knight-Ridder	33½	33½
Lilly (Eli)	58½	58½
Limited Inc	19½	19½
Lincoln Nat	45½	45½
Litton	45½	44½
Liz Claiborne	35½	35½
Lockheed Martin	86½	[illegible]
Louisiana Pac	21½	21½
MCI Comm	26½	26½
Marriott Intl	55½	56½
Marsh & McLen	94½	93½
Masco Corp	29	29½
May Dept St	45½	46
Maytag Corp	21	21½
McDonalds	47½	47½
McDonnell D	49½	50
McGraw Hill	42½	42½
Mead Corp	59½	60
Medtronic	57½	57½
Mellon Bk	57½	57½
Melville Corp	41	43
Merck Inc	66½	66½
Merrill Lynch	64½	64½
Microsoft	123½	123
Minnesota Mine	68½	67½
Mobil Corp	114½	114½
Monsanto	31½	31½
Morgan (JP)	91½	91½
Motorola Inc	54½	54½
Natl Semi	15½	15½
Natl Service Ind	39½	39½
Navistar Intl	9½	10
NY Times A	31½	31½
Newmont Mng	53½	53½
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NL Industries	10	10
Noram Energy	14½	14½
Nordstrom	36½	36½
Norfolk Sthrn	85½	85½
Nthn State Pwr	46½	46½
Norwest Corp	36½	36½
Nynex Corp	45½	45½
Occidental Pet	23½	23½
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle	38½	39½
Oryx Energy Co	17½	17½
Overseas Ship	19½	19
Owens Corning	38½	38½
PHH Corp	29½	29½
PPG Industries	51½	51½
PNC Bank	32½	32
PP&L Res	22½	23
Paccar Inc	46½	46½
Pacificorp	20½	20½
Pac Enterprises	31	31½
Pac Gas & Elec	20	20
Pac Telesis	34	34½
Pall Corp	23½	23½
Parker Hannifin	37½	37½
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	52½	52½
Pennzoil	54½	54½
Pepsico	30½	30½
Pfizer	74	74½
Pharm & Upjhn	42½	42½
Phelps Dodge	60½	59½
Philip Morris	90½	89½
Phillips Pet	41½	41
Pitney Bowes	44½	50
Polaroid	42½	43
PriceCostco	20½	20½
Procter & Gmbl	90	90½
Providian	40½	40½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	34½	34½
Ralston Purina	65½	65½
Raychem Corp	67½	68½
Raytheon	50½	50½
Reebok Intl	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	52½	51½
Rockwell Intl	54½	54½
Rohm & Haas	61½	61½
Royal Dutch	153½	153½
Rubbermaid	27½	27½
SBC Comms	49½	49½
Safeco Corp	33½	33½
St Paul Cos	52½	52½
Salomon Inc	46½	45½
Sara Lee Corp	31½	31½
Schering Plough	56½	56
Schlumberger	86½	85½
Seagram	34½	34½
Sears Roebuck	45½	45½
Shell Trans	89½	88½
Sherwin Wllms	45½	45½
Skyline Corp	25½	25½
Snap-On-Tools	46½	46
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	39½	39
Stanley Works	28½	28½
Sun Company	25½	25½
Sun Microsys	52½	54
Suntrust	39½	39½
Supervalu	27½	27½
Sysco Corp	31½	31½
TRW Inc	92½	92½
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	10½	10½
Tandy Corp	44½	44½
Temple Inland	51	51
Tenneco	51½	51½
Texaco	89½	89½
Texas Inst	46½	46½
Texas Utilities	42½	42½
Textron	84½	84½
Time Warner	38½	38½
Times-Mirror A	44	44½
Timken	38	37½
Torchmark	43½	43½
Toys R Us	30	29½
Transamerica	69	68½
Travelers	46	45½
Tribune	72½	73
Tyco Intl	43½	43½
UST Inc	31½	31½
UAL	49½	49½
US Inds	20½	21
US West Comm	30½	30½
USX Marathon	21	21
Unicom	24½	24
Unilever NV	145½	145½
Union Camp	51½	51
Union Carbide	43½	42½
Union Pacific	72½	72½
Unisys Corp	5½	5½
USAIR Group	18½	18½
USF&G Corp	16½	16½
US Life	30½	30½
United Tech	114½	115½
Unocal Corp	34½	34½
VF Corp	60½	60½
WMX Tech	31½	31½
Wal-Mart Stores	27	27
Warner-Lambert	59½	59½
Wells Fargo	250½	254½
Westinghouse El	15½	15½
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	50	49½
Whitman	23	23
Winn Dixie	35½	35½
Woolworth	21½	21½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	54	53½
Xerox	55½	56½
Yellow Corp	13½	13½

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Bassett faces a hounding

PHILIP BASSETT, industrial editor of *The Times*, can expect some serious ribbing when he attends the TUC conference next month. Baron Bassett of Wapping is likely to be the favoured nickname from other industrial journalists, who are all secretly delighted that his partner Liz Symons, general secretary of the First Division Association, was named as one of the new Labour peers yesterday.

Symons, who has led the FDA for 7½ years, and before that was deputy general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, has already tendered her resignation, feeling membership of the upper house is not appropriate for a representative of senior civil servants.

Bassett said yesterday he was relieved there was still one inequality for women — their partners do not receive an honorary title. It also robs Liz of one excuse for accepting her peerage. Many of the great and the good say they only accept the honour because their wife fancies being called Lady Whatever.

Helping hand

VIVE la différence. In September's issue of *Vogue*, Olga Polizzi, sister of Sir Rocco Forte, muses on the differences between men and women in the workplace. Men, she says, are overly concerned about titles and "crawl their way to the top floor". Women, by contrast, "are content with doing a good job" and are less concerned with promotion. She continues: "When something goes wrong women take the blame; men blame someone else." After the Granada takeover, Mrs Polizzi left Forte, the hotels group founded by her father, Lord Forte. She had been a director, a position to which, one supposes, she did not crawl.

"Why are they called Orange if they are always in the red?"

Fame at last

MOVE over, Nick Leeson. Hard-hitting financiers at Granville, the private investment banking group, will soon be buying a farewell drink for Paul Dawson, head of PR for the past seven years, who has been appointed lecturer in financial derivatives at London City University. Dawson, 45, said: "The demand for people in derivatives is growing all the time, thanks to Mr Leeson. I will buy him a big drink when he gets out," he says.

Paper chase

AS M&G confirms it is one of the ten bidders for Kleinwort Benson's £500 million European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) spare a thought for Bob Wigley. Merrill Lynch's director of investment banking, a Kepit adviser, has taken delivery of the ten takeover offers with each running to a large box of documents and some considerably more. Wigley, said: "I can't see a clear surface anywhere in my office"....

... IF WIGLEY'S paper mountain seems large, the Halifax's looks set for the Guinness Book of Records, with 75 million mail items as it heads for market next summer.

Famous faces boosting corporate events include, from left, clockwise, Noel Edmonds and Mr Blobby, who backed a Total campaign; Michael Buerk, who interviewed Royal Mail managers; Heather Mills, the model in demand as a motivational speaker; *Willy Rushton and Nick Ross*

Mr Blobby at the rostrum as firms play celebrity card

Hiring that 'bloke off the telly' can make corporate events work, says **Susan Gray**

Wishing upon a star is the latest trend in business conferences, with celebrity speakers and facilitators putting delegates through their paces.

The conference platform cliché "Someone who needs no introduction from me" has taken on new life as delegates get used to watching stars of stage and screen chat to their MD. Appearance fees starting at £2,000 mean that there is no shortage of celebrities willing to share the stage with senior management.

Royal Mail used Michael Buerk, the newscaster, to mark its final phase of changing to fully computerised delivery. He quizzed senior managers on what the new systems would mean in practice at a conference for Royal Mail's operational managers at the Heathrow Radisson. Joining Buerk on a TV studio-style sofa, Royal Mail top brass were intervied in a combative current affairs format. Buerk's role was to voice the concerns of the conference floor, previewing the issues that operational managers would face from the shopfloor when the system was up and running.

Heavyweight broadcasters are seen to lend credibility to a company's message of openness. Nicky Havilaar, production director of Crown Communication, says that a management's endorsement of question-and-answer sessions with a respected broadcaster shows that it has nothing to hide.

Nick Ross, the broadcaster, refereed a four-way debate between 220 former managers and employees of North West Water and Norweb in May. The companies had merged at the end of last year to form United Utilities. At the start of the conference, few delegates expected the debate to be honest and responsive, but, after seeing Ross in action, most delegates felt that management had answered questions fairly.

Miles Johnson, managing director of Presentation Company, organiser of the Royal Mail event, says that celebrities make employee conferences more memorable and, therefore, more effective. "The whole point of employee events is that people return to work on Monday morning and do things differently," he said.

Oddly, celebrities also add familiarity to an alien conference environment. Delegates feel more at home watching a television personality on a studio-style set, than watching their own senior management talk about their own industry.

Just as the right celebrity can make a corporate event memorable, randomly pairing conferences and stars is a recipe for disaster. "There has to be a synergy between the celebrity and the event," says Neil Crespin, managing director of MCM Events. "There's no point in just having the star there to say hello."

In September 1994 Total Oil wanted to relaunch a forecourt promotion, to coincide with the autumn start of the school run. Advised by Crespin, Total decided to use Noel Edmonds for the relaunch internally and externally. Edmonds appeared on poster sites as his television show *Noel's House Party* started its autumn run, and forecourt staff attended a corporate *House Party* designed for Total. Crespin organised two *House Party* events for tranches of 400 Total employees at Nottingham University. Ray Redmond, Total's marketing manager, says: "When Noel came on the stage, the cheers were unbelievable. Eighteen months on, people are still talking about it."The *House Party* format helped Total to overcome business problems typical of petrol retailing: employees dispersed over 600 sites, high staff turnover and infrequent contact with senior management.

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Redmond says that the event gave forecourt employees the chance to meet each other and discover that working for Total was not so bad. Petrol sellers also saw remote headquarters management put in the television programme's gunge tank and win money for charity by competing in *House Party's* Grab a Grand game. The ubiquitous Mr Blobby appeared on stage to poke fun at the promotion. The subsequent take-up of the promotion helped to dispel any scepticism on the motivational value of Mr Blobby and the gunge tank.

Noel Edmonds says that his success at motivating delegates comes from getting under the skin of the conference brief. "I play the role of communicator as well as host," he says. "I position myself as the enthusiastic consumer." As chairman of the Unique Group, Edmonds is no stranger to hard-hitting business messages. "The novelty of seeing the bloke off the telly soon wears off," he says. "I have to urge delegates to 'sustain success, through deeper involvement, at every level of the company'."

Prodrive, a performance engineering firm, used MCM Events to provide a corporate Christmas *House Party* for 240 employees. Prodrive staff were already party veterans through their firm's involvement with the world of motor racing. David Richards, Prodrive's managing director, said: "Motor racing people are used to champagne and celebrations, so the Christmas party can be just another drudgery. We wanted to come up with something original." MCM organised a spoof awards ceremony, incorporating elements of the television *House Party*, whose format allowed all staff to be involved.

Richards was "arrested" by actors dressed as customs officers who threatened to close Prodrive. Richards's defence, recorded on video, that 240 jobs depended on him, became the impromptu keynote speech of the event and drew a standing ovation. "Events work so much more effectively in a set, famous format," Richards says. "Staff, clients and sponsors acknowledge the 1995 Christmas party as a unique event."

Prodrive now has a challenge. "We entertain 500 people annually, and can't be seen to do the same thing year on year," Richards says. "Now we have to work out how to top last year's event."

Richards says that professional event organisers remove effort and worry from companies that engage them. "You want to look professional and dependable, a company that can be relied upon to get things right, and that starts with your own events," he says.

For some corporate conferences, reliability comes from knowing the celebrity's keynote speech, word for word. Ron Mowlam, of the British Speaker Bureau, says that his hottest motivational properties at the moment are Heather Mills, the model who lost a leg in a road accident, and Benedict Allen, the Amazon explorer.

Other clients simply request a star speaker who fits their image. Mowlam supplied Ned Sherrin for the tenth anniversary client dinner of Office Angels, the temporary-staff agency, at the Lanesborough Hotel in central London. Bridget Hamilton, the marketing manager, was delighted with the choice. "Ned's witty one-liners perfectly suited Office Angels' upmarket, sophisticated style," she said.

Organisations with a diverse range of clients mix and match their star facilitators. Solotec, the training and enterprise council for south London, has used Sir David Frost, Will Carling and television's Michael Rodd to chair its Profits Through Performance conference. Phil Gray, marketing manager, says: "A big name on the ticket attracts people to our events. This helps with off-agenda activities like networking, and getting our services in front of the right people."

Discretion rules the celebrity facilitator phenomenon. Companies fight shy of admitting that they will pay upwards of £2,000 for a speech, or £15,000 for a day-long event. Celebrities, on the other hand, revel in the new-found fortune to go with their fame.

Ron Mowlam asked Willy Rushton, the radio and television personality, how he could bear to do the same speech four nights in a row, hearing people laugh in exactly the same places.

Rushton explained that a day's work at Radio 4 earned him £75, while under an hour's speechmaking brought in a couple of thousand, adding: "That's showbusiness." And, at those rates, very sound business, too.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Playing safe over direct debits

From Mr Michael Abbott

Sir, Your report (St Michael's double confession, August 20) that Marks & Spencer have collected twice from its forty thousand loan and charge account customers causes me no surprise.

If you give a supplier a direct debit it is the same as leaving your purse or wallet on the table in the hope that only fixed amounts will be taken at regular intervals. It is a fool's paradise — so called errors can take that amount as many times as the errors persist and with a variable direct debit the amount can be whatever the supplier decides. My wife and I will not allow any direct debits on our bank accounts. We now find some service providers charge extra or will not supply unless we have a direct debit — so be it, but *we* are in control.

I have been called a dinosaur for my "old fashioned" approach to the modern banking technology but dinosaurs lived long. They did not have the stress of direct debits and some species ate their service providers instead. A far happier solution!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ABBOTT,
27 Pier Avenue,
Tankerton,
Whitstable, Kent.

Simply red for all

From Mr Kenneth Armitage

Sir, Surely it is not a case as to whether or not the public recognize red phone boxes as belonging to BT, as a BT spokeswoman suggests, (BT wants court to cut off call-box rival, August 9) but rather that people, looking to make a telephone call when out and about, could immediately recognise the red phone booth, just as they still recognise the red post box, at some distance.

BT chose, presumably as part of its change of image and marketing strategy after privatisation, to replace the unmistakable red phone boxes, in some cases with ghastly hooded booths, a decade ago. Surely they can no longer claim a right to something they decided to relinquish? Besides, the right to the red phone booths most probably belongs to the former General Post Office (GPO) now the Post Office?

Frankly, it would be useful if all telephone booths were returned to the unmistakable red colour but simply have a different company logo on the glass door or sidepieces. That way it is the customer who could choose which telecommunications network provider to use.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH ARMITAGE,
6 Deben Valley Drive,
Kesgrave,
Suffolk.

Bank's duty is plain

From Mr T. G. Douglas

Sir, In the debate as to whether interest rates should rise or fall; without reiterating the economic effects on sterling and trade, the real issue is plain. The Bank of England's duty is to advise the Government on such matters. What is the purpose of this function, or even of the Bank itself, if its advice is not taken?

Yours faithfully,
T. G. DOUGLAS,
2 Saulfland House,
Saulfland Drive,
Highcliffe-on-Sea,
Christchurch, Dorset.

Maximisation of transatlantic air routes

From Mr A. J. Lucking

Sir, Mr Ayling (Letter, August 13) claims that air fares have fallen by 40 per cent in five years. My reading of BA's annual reports is that the average receipt per passenger km has fallen 30 per cent, and that much of this fall is due to passengers flying further. This is significant, because so much of the cost involved is concerned with getting people on and off the aeroplanes, whether they fly 200 miles or 10,000.

The Civil Aviation Authority has reported that the first-class and business fares across the Atlantic from London are now the highest from the five major European airports, whereas years ago those from the UK were the lowest. When the authority relaxed control on the economy fares in 1992 BA, American and United all raised the New York fare from a range of £269-£349 to a uniform £422. This is nudging twice-cost and the authority reported recently that agreements between the airlines had continued to have their effect. Consequently it has reimposed price control on London-US economy fares. About 30 per cent of passengers buy these "on demand" fares.

On the other hand, there is "rat race" competition in selling off surplus seats in the rear cabin at below-cost, discounted fares. The proposed alliance attacks this profit leak by opening up some 36,000 connecting routes from continental cities to US destinations, and vice versa, because the rear cabin continental fares (as opposed to first and business) are much higher. So with the new generation computerised selection systems BA and AA will be able to replace low-revenue British passengers by more profitable continentals.

As the financial director of Stagecoach explained in your columns, the only rational objective for business is maximisation of long-term owner value, measured in purely financial terms.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. LUCKING,
20/17 Broad Court, WC2.

No alternative

From Mr W. W. Brimson,

Sir, No surprise, Mr Lloyd, (Bank customers have to pay a high price for modern technology, August 6). Banks always were masters of usury. Now they are gearing up to become masters of electronic usury. Mr Lloyd was lucky that an alternative was available. When the banks get into full electronic swing there will be none.

Yours faithfully,
W. W. BRIMSON,
88 Morris Road,
Lockleaze, Bristol.

Is this the end of the road for the company car?

With his natural flair for the grand gesture, Archie Norman, chief executive of Asda, single-handedly sparked a debate that will resonate in every office in the land. After a quarter of a century as the unrivalled top corporate perk, has the company car finally outlived its usefulness?

Mr Norman claimed that he and his fellow directors had decided to give up their company cars because the "sense of status and hierarchy" they provoked was "antipathetic" to the Asda corporate culture.

Maybe. But for Mr Norman, who was paid £548,000 last year for leading the supermarket group, and made more than £3 million profit in options, allowing him to keep a luxury Mercedes on the road, this was a relatively painless gesture.

It Asda go: Archie Norman is to give up his executive perk

In contrast, for the hundreds of thousands of sales reps, middle managers and junior executives slogging up and down the motorway for their £20,000 or £30,000 a year, voluntarily handing over the keys to their company cars remains unthinkable.

In spite of the five-fold increase in company car taxation since the mid-1980s and the increasingly generous "cash alternatives" offered by employers, the British salariat remains hooked on its £5 billion-a-year perk.

The number of companies offering cash options to try to cut down their bloated car fleets has risen from 20 per cent to 57 per cent last year, but only about one employee in ten is currently taking up the offer.

Matthew Ellis, a senior tax manager with Price Waterhouse, said: "Although about 70 per cent of companies have reviewed their provision of cars recently to see if they are still an efficient way of remunerating employees, the conclusion is that not many companies have done much about it.

"They are too ingrained into the UK middle management psyche, and a benefit most employees don't want to give up. However, what we are seeing is more employees who have pure perk cars that they are not using for business at all, such as people in the City, being offered a cash sum."

> Businesses are offering cash options in a bid to shrink fleets, but few employees take them

Fleet treat: company cars remain a highly prized benefit

The company car remains a peculiarly British phenomenon, effectively born in the income policy days of the early and mid-1970s, when giving an employee a car was a highly tax advantageous route around statutory pay restraint.

About 50 per cent of all new cars sold in this country are bought by companies, compared to around 20 per cent in most continental European countries, where the company car features far less prominently in corporate life.

By the late 1980s there were three million company cars on Britain's roads, and although the numbers fell during the recession, the trend is now firmly up again. Last year, the company car once again topped the league table of corporate perks, ahead of subsidised catering and relocation costs.

It has survived the fiscal attacks of Nigel Lawson, who in successive Budgets doubled and doubled again the taxation of company cars, drastically reducing their financial attractiveness. Since 1986, the annual taxable cost of a typical 1500cc car has risen almost six-fold, from £525 to £2,990.

Even the Labour Party is shying away from full-scale reform of the company car regime to try to cut down their numbers. One of the early drafts of its transport policy included measures to clamp down heavily on company car use.

By the time the finished policy was published, red pen had been marked through all the more draconian ideas, and only a vague reference to reviewing the tax system survived.

As Mr Norman has astutely recognised, the company car is often used, like social class, as a means of marking out tiny gradations of hierarchy and status between individual employees. Whether a colleague has been offered a 1.5 or a 1.6, a GTi or a GLX, with or without a sunroof, is still part of the meat and drink of office chit chat.

David Leibling, head of corporate communications at Lex, said: "It is very difficult to find anyone who has voluntarily given up their cars. Our research shows that the number of people losing their company cars for reasons other than retirement or a move of job is infinitesimal.

"Out of 2.7 million company car drivers at the end of 1994, only 30,000, or 1 per cent, had lost them because of a change in company policy. So many people are dependent on them to do their everyday jobs. About 80 per cent of sales people do more than 20,000 miles a year and would be very reluctant to give up their cars. This is a high-profile PR exercise by Archie Norman."

JONATHAN PRYNN
Transport Correspondent

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	217.60	230.30	+ 0.60	0.14
Grofund Equity	282.10	300.10	+ 1.50	1.83
Grofund Euro	269.20	284.90†	+ 0.90	0.58
Grofund Expt Bal	130.50	135.20†		2.68
Grofund Gilt	75.13	77.62†	+ 0.01	6.45
Grofund Japan	176.50	186.80	+ 0.10	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	668.00	710.70	+ 2.10	2.46
General Inc	567.50	603.00	+ 1.80	2.46
UK Growth Acc	455.20	484.30	+ 1.80	2.65
UK Growth Inc	298.90	318.00	+ 1.20	2.65
Higher Inc Acc	797.80	848.80	- 0.80	4.13
Higher Inc Inc	435.30	463.10	- 0.40	4.13
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	211.30	223.20	+ 0.10	5.53
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94.85	100.10		5.53
Nth America	366.00	389.40	1.60	
Europe	359.20	382.20	+ 1.20	0.36
Brit Excell	90.36	96.12	+ 0.37	2.82
Brit Fndmtls Acc	114.60	122.00	0.20	4.68
Brit Fndmtls Inc	78.52	83.54	- 0.21	4.68
Global Opps	104.60	111.30	+ 0.40	0.06
Balanced Acc	63.45	67.51	+ 0.07	2.64
Balanced Inc	60.03	63.87	+ 0.06	2.64
Japan Acc	47.21	50.23	+ 0.12	
Pac Basin Acc	406.60	432.60	+ 0.80	0.95
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	130.60	138.50		7.05
High Inc Equity	183.40	196.10†	+ 0.40	4.40
Worldwide Bond	288.10	305.50†	+ 0.60	4.82
American Growth	368.90	396.90	+ 1.20	0.32
Asian Pacific	329.10	352.00	+ 1.20	0.04
Assets & Earnings	303.70	324.80	+ 0.90	2.78
Euro Capital Acc	184.60	197.40	+ 0.40	0.80
Extra Inc	43.51	46.29†	+ 0.02	7.74
General	276.10	293.70†	+ 0.20	2.99
Global Opps	68.75	73.14	+ 0.18	0.55
Japan	123.00	131.60	+ 0.20	
Managed Inc	48.26	51.34†	+ 0.05	4.67
Mastertrust	168.50	180.20	+ 0.30	1.02
US Emerging Cos	206.00	219.10	+ 0.20	
Ethical	81.43	86.63	- 0.10	2.46
International	139.10	148.00	+ 0.30	0.29
Dividend & Growth	68.27	72.63†	- 0.14	4.23
Global Gwth & Sec	73.35	78.36	- 0.10	2.34
Latin America	65.49	69.67	0.14	
Capital Reserve	145.10	145.10	+ 0.10	4.82
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2322.00	2417.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	59.14	61.42	+ 0.15	0.50
Emerging Mkts	72.72	76.78†	- 0.24	0.04
European	153.10	159.30	+ 0.40	
Exempt	1102.00	1165.00†	+ 4.00	1.60
Extra Income #	45.92	49.24	+ 0.09	6.72
Far East Emg Eco	129.60	137.30†	- 0.10	0.46
Fixed Interest #	24.92	25.92†		9.30
Fund Inv Tst	150.60	158.00†	- 0.60	0.71
Japan	188.50	195.90†	- 0.50	
Latin American	61.02	63.64†	- 0.09	0.77
Pacific	85.47	89.74	+ 0.15	0.29
Property Share	70.56	74.06†	+ 0.42	2.37
UK Emerging Cos	72.87	78.78†	+ 0.10	1.22
UK Growth	53.76	56.76	+ 0.18	2.07
Abtr World Port #	82.44	84.07	+ 0.20	1.87
Ethical	77.09	80.18	+ 0.02	2.20
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.97	50.97	- 0.01	7.37

For AEGON see Matheson

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	219.10	232.50	- 0.20	
European Inc	94.03	99.67†	+ 0.34	0.51
Smaller Cos (4 1)	109.50	116.30	+ 0.10	1.49
Growth	532.30	565.30†	- 1.30	1.80
Income & Growth #	452.20	481.10†	+ 1.70	3.96
-do- Accum #	683.50	727.20	+ 2.50	3.96
Japan & Gen	69.95	74.19	0.01	
Master Portfolio	£118.74	£122.14†	+ 22.00	2.01
-do- Accum	£145.41	£150.21	+ 27.00	2.01
Special Sits	123.80	131.80†	+ 0.20	1.85
High Yield	£14.81	£15.27	- 3.00	4.38

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	101.52	108.24†	+ 0.30	2.37
American Portfolio	122.34	129.81	+ 0.43	0.88
European Portfolio	133.11	141.92	- 0.07	0.62
High Income	51.38	51.50†	+ 0.01	7.13
Japanese Portfolio	70.10	74.46†	+ 0.18	
Pacific Portfolio	156.87	167.61	+ 1.02	1.43
UK Equity	97.74	104.39	+ 0.42	3.06
UK Equity & Bd	57.61	61.08	+ 0.05	6.25
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Inv Fund	783.50	775.04	+ 9.27	4.24
Fxd Int Sec	156.63	157.25	+ 0.57	9.09
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	747.55	758.85	+ 3.46	4.39
Investment Acc	£34.07	£34.59	+ 15.08	
Fixed Int Inc	126.06	128.56	- 0.26	9.17
Fixed Int Acc	224.56	225.46	- 0.45	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.07	95.16		3.02
Beck Bio-Tech	41.37	44.79		
Acorn Ethical Tst	184.23	193.46		0.44
City Fin Accels	82.62	86.98		1.54
City Fin America	110.10	115.62		
City Fin Intl	91.08	95.64		0.45
City Fin Japan	151.83	159.44		
Friars Hse Cap	321.30	341.81†		2.48
Friars Hse Inc	200.11	212.88		3.54
Buckley Wrld Gth	145.53	154.26		
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	55.53	58.31		3.31
Slaw Utilities	58.39	59.48	- 0.19	6.12
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.08	60.56†	- 0.03	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Gwth	78.77	83.80	+ 0.29	
Dragon Growth	71.97	76.97	+ 0.25	0.41
Equity High Inc	90.19	96.66	+ 0.11	4.07
-do- Accum	128.32	137.53	+ 0.15	4.07
Extra Income Inc	26.31	27.89	- 0.01	7.51
Extra Income Acc	28.53	30.03	- 0.01	7.51
European Gwth	63.14	66.99	+ 0.36	0.96
Evergreen	32.19	34.42	+ 0.13	
General Equity	102.99	109.27	+ 0.46	2.97
Japan Growth	51.98	55.30	+ 0.16	
Pedigree Gwth	64.16	68.26	+ 0.28	2.37
Ped Sm Cos Inc	38.59	41.05	+ 0.01	1.44
-do- Accum	40.88	43.49	+ 0.01	1.44
Retirement Inc #	27.83	29.61	- 0.01	5.70
Special Sits	46.88	49.87	+ 0.04	2.31
Uk & Overseas	59.49	63.12	+ 0.27	0.71
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Balanced	68.24	71.08†	+ 0.10	4.04
Capital	82.90	86.35†	+ 0.25	2.27
High Income	50.88	52.99†	- 0.01	7.15
Top 50	56.16	58.50†	+ 0.24	2.09
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds:				
Equity Inc	193.66	201.73	+ 0.51	4.55
Long Gilt	42.74	44.49†	0.06	6.35
Monthly Inc Plus	49.12	51.17	+ 0.03	8.76
Preference Share	47.82	49.81†	- 1.02	7.83
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	139.02	144.86†	+ 0.28	5.89
Managed Fund	77.16	80.38	+ 0.21	2.67
UK Growth Funds:				
Smaller Cos	52.33	54.51	+ 0.10	1.74

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cap Ptflo	163.70	166.40	+ 0.80	0.86
General Opps	140.70	142.40		3.75
Growth Inc	37.76	38.48	+ 0.09	0.95
Private Portfolio	488.40	497.20		0.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Dlg 01277 690 396 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	152.10	161.50†	+ 0.30	0.35
Emrg Asian	145.20	157.20	- 0.10	
High Income	21.40	22.79†	+ 0.04	9.87
UK Income	113.30	120.90	+ 0.30	4.09
US Smaller Cos	420.10	448.10	- 1.40	

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775611				
American Growth	78.65	83.86	- 0.04	
-do- Accum	78.65	83.86	- 0.04	
Amer Smlr Cos	672.00	718.70†	- 0.80	
-do- Accum	686.50	734.20†	- 0.90	
Capital Tst	392.20	417.20	- 0.10	1.13
-do- Accum	573.00	609.60		1.13
Conti Smlr Cos	63.37	67.52	+ 0.08	0.42
-do- Accum	67.41	71.84	+ 0.09	0.42
Convertible	141.10	150.10	+ 0.10	5.60
-do- Accum	305.60	325.10	+ 0.30	5.60
Emerging Markets	68.88	73.59	+ 0.73	0.25
-do- Accum	69.12	73.85	+ 0.74	0.25
European	152.10	161.20	+ 0.30	0.90
-do- Accum	161.20	170.80	+ 0.40	0.90
Euro Income	381.60	406.00†	+ 1.60	4.10
-do- Accum	607.40	646.20†	+ 2.60	4.10
Financial	170.00	180.90	- 1.00	0.54
-do- Accum	180.60	192.10	- 1.20	0.54
Gilt Trust	64.65	68.67	+ 0.03	6.79
-do- Accum	97.92	100.90		6.79
Health Fund Inc	256.10	273.60	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	256.10	273.60	+ 0.20	
Income & Growth	230.30	245.00	- 0.40	3.61
-do- Accum	364.80	388.10	- 0.80	3.61
Intl Growth	444.30	473.20		
-do- Accum	493.30	525.50	+ 0.10	
Japan & Gen	177.40	188.40	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	179.10	190.30	+ 0.20	
Monthly Inc #	195.40	207.90†	+ 0.50	4.38
Managed Port Inc	122.20	128.80	+ 0.20	1.39
-do- Accum	132.70	139.70	+ 0.30	1.39
Quarterly Income #	56.42	60.56†	+ 0.15	4.91
-do- Accum #	64.84	69.60†	+ 0.17	4.91
Recovery	364.80	389.90†	+ 0.20	0.23
-do- Accum	430.50	459.40†	+ 0.40	0.23
UK Growth	65.64	70.04	+ 0.29	1.86
-do- Accum	71.38	75.94	+ 0.30	1.86
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	61.14	65.18	+ 0.28	0.32
FP Am Smllr Cos	206.90	220.60	+ 1.20	
FP Asian Growth	279.00	297.60†	+ 0.30	
FP Australian	416.50	444.20	+ 0.30	
FP Equity Dist	454.40	484.80	+ 1.50	2.46
-do- Accum	£10.02	£10.68	+ 3.00	2.46
FP Euro Gth	284.30	303.20	+ 1.50	
-do- Accum	310.90	331.60	+ 1.60	
FP Intl Bond	59.90	63.38	+ 0.04	4.37
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.59	41.16	+ 0.08	0.09
-do- Accum	56.35	60.10	+ 0.13	0.09
FP Pac Basin Acc	222.30	237.00	- 0.10	
FP Income #	58.86	62.80†	+ 0.18	5.04
-do- Accum #	205.70	219.40	+ 0.70	5.04
FP Jap Smllr Cos	314.70	335.60	- 1.40	
FP Monthly Dist #	75.66	80.70†	+ 0.13	5.49
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		5.05
FP Tokyo	84.72	90.36	- 0.14	
FP UK Focus	42.50	45.33	+ 0.27	2.44
FP UK Growth	197.40	210.50†	+ 0.80	2.31
-do- Accum	397.80	424.30	+ 1.70	2.31
Stewardship Dist	426.40	454.80	+ 1.70	1.44
-do- Accum	534.60	570.20	+ 2.10	1.44
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	80.50	85.86	+ 0.15	4.79
-do- Accum #	110.10	117.40	+ 0.30	4.79
N Am Stshp Dist	124.40	132.60†	+ 0.10	0.39
-do- Accum	133.60	142.50	+ 0.10	0.39
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	127.90	136.00	+ 0.20	1.58
Open Cap Gth Acc	131.50	139.80	+ 0.30	0.20
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	118.70	126.20	+ 0.30	3.30
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	125.80	133.80	+ 0.40	3.30
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	120.60	128.20	+ 0.40	3.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	128.70	136.90	+ 0.40	3.72
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 1067				
GANDA	287.60	304.40	+ 1.70	2.02
Cash	48.37	50.11	+ 0.01	5.31

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	191.77	205.06	- 0.22	1.24
European Value	95.88	102.15	+ 0.06	1.24
-do- Accum	103.15	109.89	+ 0.06	1.24
Japan Trust	234.45	249.12†	- 0.53	
Japan Smlr Cos	243.13	258.90	+ 0.18	
Pacific Smlr Cos	247.95	264.16	+ 0.48	
North American	319.93	339.62†	+ 1.38	
American Smaller	175.04	186.89	+ 0.38	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	157.70	168.00†	+ 0.20	4.98
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	122.38	128.15	+ 0.51	1.92
Capital	204.38	214.01†	+ 0.75	1.22
Dollar	492.35	515.55	- 0.80	
Enterprise Gth	433.09	453.50	+ 2.04	1.46
European	281.71	294.98†	+ 1.51	0.41
Far East	319.12	334.16	+ 0.55	
Financial	£10.30	£10.78	+ 3.09	1.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.17	27.21		6.72
High Yield	110.11	115.30	+ 0.34	5.23
Income & Growth	162.31	169.98	+ 0.68	3.87
International	299.86	313.99†	+ 1.21	0.12
Japanese Genecu	220.49	230.88	+ 1.02	
Japan Tech	94.28	98.73	+ 0.08	
Nat Resources	87.39	91.51	+ 0.15	0.14
Portfolio	86.98	91.08	+ 0.27	1.03
Special Sits	207.58	217.36	+ 0.78	0.10
UK Emerging Cos	130.98	137.15	+ 0.15	0.75
US Smaller Cos	157.58	165.01	+ 0.46	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	635.00	677.70†	+ 2.10	4.93
Capital	730.20	779.30	+ 2.10	2.31
High Income #	114.00	121.70	+ 0.30	5.92
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	613.60	649.60	+ 2.50	0.35
European Gwth	146.90	156.10	+ 0.50	0.01
Japan Gwth	282.60	301.60	- 0.10	
Japan Smllr Cos	36.33	38.77	+ 0.10	
Asian	63.27	67.52	+ 0.42	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	85.28	90.99	+ 0.27	
Hong Kong Gwth	140.60	150.00	+ 1.10	1.07
Global Bond	22.65	23.91†	+ 0.01	5.11
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	156.70	167.50†	+ 0.50	3.50
Tribune Index	127.30	130.70†	+ 0.70	2.24
THE FOOTSIE FUND	64.65	64.98	+ 0.20	2.93
Index Funds-International				
American Index	283.20	284.60	+ 0.80	0.98
Eurotrack 100	198.50	199.50	+ 1.00	1.42
Japan Index	80.94	81.35	+ 0.18	0.07
Tiger Index	205.10	206.10	- 0.40	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	48.78	50.71†	+ 0.18	0.87
General Funds				
Managed Dist	89.24	92.77	+ 0.24	1.15
Managed	91.68	95.30	+ 0.24	1.15
Rupert Child Fnd	102.10	106.10	+ 0.40	2.33
UK Growth	70.96	73.78	+ 0.18	1.99
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	86.79	90.22†	+ 0.15	5.74
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.89	27.74†	+ 0.01	7.99
UK Inc & Gwth	47.96	49.85	+ 0.13	3.03
UK Income #	373.20	387.90	+ 0.50	4.19
Overseas Growth Funds:				
American Growth	62.26	64.57	+ 0.21	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	159.10	165.40†		
-do- Accum	160.80	167.10†	- 0.10	
Europe Gth	236.80	245.90†	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	245.20	254.40†	+ 0.30	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.80	47.61	+ 0.17	
French Growth	96.15	99.95	+ 0.24	0.33

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sector Value Inc #	102.40	108.10	+ 0.40	3.74
Sector Value Gwth	103.30	109.00	+ 0.50	2.17
Hy 5 Europe	100.80	105.80	+ 0.50	2.82
Slater Gwth	162.40	171.40	- 0.40	0.76
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	194.80	207.10	- 1.10	
Income #	213.95	227.61†	+ 0.81	4.24
UK Growth	84.45	89.84†	+ 0.19	1.91
Intl Growth	91.81	97.66†	+ 0.83	0.44
Ecology	102.13	108.65	- 0.07	0.99
European	198.92	211.61†	+ 0.12	
Far Eastern	315.40	335.50	+ 1.80	
UK Special Sits	49.72	53.03	+ 0.10	

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	100.90	104.30		7.28
Gilt Yield	119.20	125.70		6.54
Global Income	233.70	248.60†	+ 0.80	3.59
High Yield	154.30	164.10†	+ 0.20	5.46
-do- Accum	502.30	534.40†	+ 0.80	5.46
Smlr Cos Div	61.85	65.80†	+ 0.28	3.36
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	156.30	165.20	- 0.30	
Asian Growth	334.50	355.90	+ 0.70	0.23
-do- Accum	393.20	418.30	+ 1.00	0.23
North American	108.70	115.60	+ 0.49	0.23
European Special	127.80	136.00†	- 1.00	1.22
European	181.50	193.10	+ 1.00	0.47

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	109.80	116.80	+ 0.50	
Master Trust	68.02	72.37	- 0.17	1.36
-do- Accum	78.55	83.57	+ 0.20	1.36
Millennium Acc	96.16	102.30	+ 1.40	2.28
N American Gen	241.70	257.20†	- 1.50	
-do- Accum	279.70	297.60	- 1.80	
Nthn Sm Co Rec	199.40	212.20	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	203.50	216.50	- 0.60	
Pacific Basin	264.20	281.10†	- 5.60	0.24
-do- Accum	281.40	299.40	- 6.00	0.24
Small Cos Rec	505.40	532.00	- 14.40	1.69
-do- Accum	692.50	729.00	- 19.80	1.69
UK Eq Gth	164.70	175.30	+ 0.70	2.61
UK Eq Inc	129.00	137.30	+ 0.50	3.96
UK Growth	104.90	111.70	+ 1.50	1.88
-do- Accum	131.70	140.20	+ 2.10	1.88
Worldwide Gth	382.50	385.70	+ 1.30	0.41
-do- Accum	535.70	569.90	- 1.80	0.41
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	87.40	93.56†	+ 0.34	0.40
General	107.36	115.19	+ 0.50	2.70
Income	73.91	79.30	+ 0.25	5.20
International	75.07	80.54	+ 0.25	0.50
Japan	60.02	64.39†	+ 0.18	
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.80	82.40	+ 0.22	1.00
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	521.60	560.80†	+ 0.90	0.40
-do- Accum	652.90	689.50†	+ 1.20	0.40
Amer Recovery	561.40	593.70	+ 0.50	0.37
-do- Accum	647.50	684.90	+ 0.60	0.37
Amer Smlr Cos	163.40	172.80†	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	167.00	176.60†	- 1.30	
Australasian	202.60	214.30†	- 0.40	2.58
-do- Accum	254.50	269.20†	- 0.50	2.58
Capital	977.50	1033.70†	+ 1.70	2.82
-do- Accum	1167.20	1234.30†	+ 2.00	2.82
Charifund	742.60	750.10†	- 0.10	5.99
-do- Accum	3801.40	3839.50†	- 0.60	5.99
Commodity	475.10	502.40†	+ 4.70	0.40
-do- Accum	702.60	742.90†	+ 6.90	0.40
Compound Gwth	1098.50	1161.70	+ 1.20	2.91
-do- Accum	1198.30	1267.30	+ 1.80	2.91
Corporate Bond	25.24	25.32	- 0.01	7.60
Dividend	44.00	46.50		4.70
-do- Accum	194.70	206.10	- 0.10	4.70
Equity Income	338.70	358.20†	- 0.60	5.39
-do- Accum	469.70	496.70†	- 0.80	5.39
Euro & General	633.60	670.00	+ 1.30	0.92
-do- Accum	813.70	860.60	+ 1.70	0.92
Euro Dividend	80.40	85.00†	- 0.10	3.61
-do- Accum	102.30	108.10†		3.61
Extra Yield	462.50	489.10	- 0.20	5.07
-do- Accum	1523.10	1610.80	- 0.60	5.07
Fund of Inv Tsts	716.20	757.40	+ 2.50	1.95
-do- Accum	1374.60	1453.70	+ 4.80	1.95
General	68.80	72.80	- 0.10	3.79
-do- Accum	202.80	214.60	- 0.40	3.79
Gilt Income	60.59	60.69†	- 0.04	7.10
-do- Accum	183.59	183.86†	- 0.15	7.10
Gold	83.00	87.80†	- 0.30	0.02
-do- Accum	99.30	105.00†	+ 1.00	0.02
High Income	32.30	34.20		4.75
-do- Accum	138.10	146.30		4.75
Intl Growth	91.80	97.10†	+ 0.10	0.68
-do- Accum	162.40	171.90†	+ 0.20	0.68
International Inc	111.70	118.10	+ 0.30	4.45
-do- Accum	174.90	185.00	+ 0.50	4.45
Japan & Gen	42.20	44.60		
-do- Accum	45.30	47.80	- 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	154.30	163.10	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	155.40	164.30	- 0.60	
Managed Gwth	27.10	28.60†	+ 0.10	1.74
Managed Income	29.70	31.20†		4.23
Midland	62.30	65.30	- 0.10	3.37
-do- Accum	216.00	228.70	- 0.40	3.37
Pension Ex	1075.10	1102.00	- 1.90	4.32
Recovery	47.90	50.70	- 0.10	2.78
-do- Accum	82.40	87.20	- 0.10	2.78

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
N Amer Growth	135.38	143.64	- 0.50	0.50
Special Sits Growth	27.57	29.33	- 0.11	2.02
UK Growth	460.60	489.39	+ 1.36	2.55
-do- Accum	624.97	664.86	+ 2.52	2.55
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1473.60	1496.00		2.93
Income #	1024.90	1040.50†		3.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	163.50	167.50†		3.67

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflo	177.70	183.20†	+ 0.30	2.55
-do- Accum	210.90	217.40†	+ 0.40	2.55
UK Sel Ptflo	156.50	161.40	+ 0.40	2.63
-do- Accum	188.70	194.50	+ 0.40	2.63
UK 100 Cos	116.30	116.30	+ 0.40	2.87
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	73.99	78.72		3.72
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	82.25	87.31	+ 0.11	3.64
European	106.70	113.30	+ 0.30	0.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers 0171 588 7474 Enquiries 0171 588 7171				
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 261 010				
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 839 8282				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
CULTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers 0171 623 1000				
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices 01733 282 829 Gen Enq 01733 360 000				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	235.70	250.80	+ 0.80	0.37
[illegible] Inc	96.64	102.90	+ 0.00	0.49
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	447.80	477.50	- 0.30	2.34
-do- Accum	679.00	724.10	- 0.50	2.34
UK High Inc	262.70	276.90	- 0.20	2.70
-do- Accum	324.30	345.50	- 0.30	2.70
Europe Inc	475.70	506.60	- 0.30	0.70
Nth Amer Inc	321.90	343.30	+ 0.90	
Global Inc	266.80	283.50	+ 0.10	0.21
Global Acc	286.30	305.40	+ 0.10	0.21
UK Spec Sits Inc	129.60	138.20	+ 0.10	1.65
South East Asia	237.80	253.60	- 0.50	0.40
Cash Trust Inc	100.90	100.90		5.05
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.00	133.30	+ 0.20	1.60
-do- Accum	131.40	140.10	+ 0.20	1.60
Intl Bond Inc	95.80	101.70	+ 0.20	5.18
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	162.00	170.50†	+ 0.60	0.92
Nth American	139.40	146.40†	+ 0.10	
Intl Bond & Conv	129.20	136.00	+ 0.10	6.54
Pooled Pension (F)	276.50	250.00†		1.91
Smaller Cos	116.40	122.30	+ 0.10	0.91
UK Gwth #	163.60	172.40	+ 0.50	2.10
Far Eastern	100.20	105.50		
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	126.11		- 0.28	
Asia ‡	70.43		- 0.61	
European ‡	168.41		+ 0.93	
Global Bond ‡	92.70		+ 0.06	8.09
Investment Trust ‡	116.95		+ 0.38	0.97
Preferred Income ‡	108.13		- 0.20	4.94
Samurai ‡	60.29		- 0.18	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.63		+ 0.01	4.70
UK Growth ‡	111.66		+ 0.25	2.32
Ltd Fin ‡	104.82		0.22	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	113.73		+ 0.39	2.35
UK Equity Inc ‡	111.91		+ 0.25	4.79
Glob Gwth PEP	78.13	82.17	+ 0.32	1.18
Prem Inc PEP #	101.90	108.40†	+ 0.30	5.52
Inv Trust PEP	57.05	60.69	0.97	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	460.20	486.90	+ 3.70	
Capital	145.40	155.40†	+ 0.60	1.15
Cash	101.93	101.83	- 0.04	5.20
European	162.60	172.10	+ 0.80	0.79
Far Eastern	163.60	175.00	- 0.50	
Growth	160.90	170.10†	+ 0.40	0.94
Income #	138.10	146.10	- 0.30	4.95
Magnum	155.00	166.70	+ 0.60	1.79
Small Secs	535.40	566.50	+ 1.00	0.47
Thoroughbred	181.00	193.60†	+ 0.60	1.09
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
[illegible]	56.87	60.62†	+ 0.13	7.80
Ethical	83.76	89.58	+ 0.39	0.89
European Growth	82.99	88.19	+ 0.37	1.19
Income	62.15	66.45	+ 0.47	3.70
Intl Growth	114.60	121.90	+ 0.50	1.22
Managed	94.70	100.90	+ 0.50	1.86
UK Growth	78.15	83.58†	+ 1.26	1.79
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.52	46.76†		1.53
Global Advtg Acc	50.72	50.98		1.53
Income Advtg Inc	35.46	35.64		3.08
Income Advtg Acc	41.17	41.38		3.08
UK Equity Gth Acc	98.39	104.30	+ 0.10	0.83
Premier Inc Inc	49.14	51.72		6.97
Premier Inc Acc	51.90	54.63		6.97

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
UK Stockmarket	102.10	108.60	+ 0.40	2.16
Corporate Bond	49.19	49.34		6.97

Source: FT Information

* Yield increase to CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend ‡ [illegible] price. No significant data # Periodic Charge deducted from capital [illegible] Exit Charge

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Shares close near their best of day

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	450	- 3	5.6	17.0
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	585½	- 3½	2.8	19.6
131	96	Burn Stewart	100	- 1	6.2	21.6
775	615	Glenmorangie A	765		2.0	18.6
477½	411	Grand Met	477	+ 15	4.0	29.3
493	435	Guinness	479	+ 6½	3.9	15.6
378	315	Highland Distl	358		2.8	16.7
195	150	Macallan-Glen	158		1.2	32.4
803	655	Matthew Clark	685		4.4	32.6
141	93	Merrydown	122		4.6	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1775		2.0	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716¼	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3637½	+ 25	4.0	11.8
663	528	Abbey Natl	597	- 11	4.9	11.0
386	315	Allied Irish	366½	- 4½	4.9	10.5
339	285	Aus New Z	339	+ 2	5.5	8.3
5443¾	3843½	Bank America	5418¾	+ 81¼		
316	227½	Bank Scotland	250½	+ 1½	3.4	10.6
934	683	Barclays	931	+ 2	3.8	10.2
488	413	Bk of Ireland	470	- 5	4.0	10.7
482	379	Cater Allen	420	- 3	8.9	12.5
5668¾	4031¼	Citicorp	5668¾	- 17½		
392	318	Close Bros	340		3.3	15.1
£157¼	£131¼	Commerzbk	£152¼	+ 16¼	3.4	
1350	1065¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1106¾	+ 17¾	0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3300	- 59¾	2.4	
803½	593¾	Espirito Santo	712½	- 81¼	5.0	9.5
1507	1185¾	Fuji Bank Y	1185¾	- 7	0.4	
472	337	Gerrard Nat	340		8.5	10.8
257	196	Hambros	249		3.8	
1174	911	HSBC	1165	+ 8	4.1	11.0
1142	930	HSBC Hk	1135	+ 8	4.2	10.7
421	385	Irish Perm	417		3.0	11.4
177	143	King Shaxson	166		6.8	14.3
458	405	Leopold J	448		5.4	16.2
370	294½	Lloyds TSB	357	- 2	4.2	15.1
641	566	Nat Aust Bk	640	- 1	6.8	8.1
711	605¾	Nat West	689	- 7	4.8	9.8
66	50	Rea Brothers	51		2.5	19.8
596	468	Ryl Bk Scot	514	+ 1	4.1	11.3
1380	1185	Schroders	1368	+ 3	1.5	19.0
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1075	+ 2	1.9	15.0
122½	99½	Singer & Fried	120½	+ 2½	4.1	10.0
719	547	Stand Chart	712	+ 1	2.1	13.9
106	85½	Union	99		3.8	10.5
£174¼	£131¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾	+ 200	2.0	
329½	264	Westpac	307	+ ¼	4.6	9.4
360	268	Westrust	356		4.5	17.5

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	36	Abrdn St H©	65			5.5
387	353	Ascot Hldgs	335			12.7
839	702	Bass	836	+ 13	3.5	18.0
70	40	Bk for the Bds	48	+ 2	4.3	
177	161	Burtonwd Bw	169		4.1	15.3
126½	92	City Centre Rest	120	+ 1	2.3	22.5
621	463	Compass Gp	552	- 2	1.8	26.3
266	190	Eldridge P 'A'©	264		2.3	24.3
540	413	Fullr Sm 'A'©	498		2.3	17.0
636	546	Greenalls Gp	580	+ 5	3.2	15.8
671	567¾	Greene King	620		3.1	15.5
385	305	Grosvenor Inns	205	- 4	3.6	
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	216	- 1	1.5	21.9
357	299	Hardy Hansn	304		4.2	11.3
3475	3050	Hall J	3075		2.3	16.7
72	45	Inn Business	65	+ 2	1.1	30.5
355	312	Mansfield	314		2.3	15.3
353½	275	Marston Thmp	290	- 1	3.1	11.9
673	535	Morland	569	+ 4	2.7	17.2
154	118	My Kinda Town	150	- 1	2.5	14.8
7½	4½	Paramount	6	- ¼	4.6	9.6
170	123	Pelican Gp	169		1.5	23.1
438	217	PizzaExpress	433		0.7	44.9

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
559	476	Brammer	551	+ 6	3.2	17.2
26	18	Bridgend Gp	26	..	1.0	
113	76	Brit Fdings	100		4.5	13.7
290	245	Caltyne	285		5.0	72.6
160	105	Cavendish	141	- 1	3.0	9.2
107½	78	Charles Sidney	96		4.9	13.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	72	+ ½	3.7	8.6
404¾	276½	Cowie	366	+ 7	3.7	12.6
175	120½	Dag Motors	140		6.9	9.7
163	125½	Desmarc Fl	138		7.4	13.8
434	328	Diploma	342	- 1	5.3	12.0
407	328	Electrocomponents	371	+ 2	2.2	21.8
314	172	Eurodc Elec	195	+ 1	3.2	18.6
134	66	Eurodollar	100		5.2	15.0
105	75	European Mtr	107		6.4	11.4
375	296	Evans Halshaw	310		6.7	11.3
67	48	Fde Indmr	50		8.2	6.9
338	248	Finelist Grp	294		2.5	16.7
30½	16½	Gardiner	28¾		1.8	11.6
81	33½	Glenchewton	76	- 2	1.7	22.3
91	76	Gowrings	77		4.5	11.7
101	87	Hamlet	99	- 1	7.6	
292	216	Harris (Philip)	263		3.9	19.8
293	202½	Headlam	280	+ 3	2.1	22.3
200	132	Holders Tech	178		4.2	16.7
190	153	ISA Intl	190		1.7	17.2
316	231	Inchcape	291		4.0	
78	33	Jacks (Wm)	75		2.9	29.0
254	169	Kwik-Fit	254	+ 8	2.5	17.8
380	299	Lex Service	377	+ 2	5.1	12.1
155	119	Lookers	137		7.9	7.4
17	10½	Malaya Grp	11½		7.0	12.2
9½	6¼	Middlesex O	6½		1.5	10.8
47	31	Midstates	41		0.7	
565	440	[illegible]	499		1.9	14.6
349	230	Northamber	289		1.0	10.6
162	108	PCT©	125		7.7	12.1
341	272	Pendragon	318		3.5	16.1
211	145	Perry Gp	199	+ 14	5.3	18.0
745	602	Premier Farnell	626	+ 4	2.1	16.7
190	135	Quicks Group	189		4.1	15.8
315	185	REA	249	...	2.0	31.6
3	2	Reece	2½			
61	33	Ronson	33		5.7	10.1
4½	2	Ross Gp	3¼			
56	46½	SEP Ind	52		4.0	11.1
195	120	Saltire	152		0.8	20.3
373	246	Time Products	349	+ 2	3.6	
41	30	Torex Hire	36		4.5	18.9
234	123	UMECO	233		2.3	20.5
332½	263¼	Vardy (Reg)	308		2.7	14.3
463	325	Wholesale Figs	450		3.7	
59	25½	Wilshaw	32½		3.3	8.6
156	78	Wyko	144		2.0	
133	104	Young (H)	118		4.2	10.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1½	0¾	Anglo Utd	0¾			
388	288	Antofagasta	303		2.1	10.2
1056	804	Broken Hill	894	+ 1	2.8	19.5
340	229	BTR	257	+ 6	7.1	10.8
586	449	BAT	456	+ 4	6.8	9.0
224	172	Berisford Intl	172	- 2	2.5	12.5
134	108	Bibby (J)	128		5.9	9.3
64½	50½	Brierley Inv	63¼	+ ¼	7.3	3.3
972	810	Charter	857	- 9	4.0	12.7
328	247	Cookson	251	+ 1	4.0	13.1
193	141	Cosalt	184		6.2	11.6
283	204	DCC	271		3.1	10.7
140	113	Grampian Hdg	128		6.8	14.2
220	151¼	Hanson	161¼	- 1	9.4	8.1
172½	121	Hanson Crsltd	125	- 2	9.0	12.1
439¼	379½	Hutch Whamp	405¼	+ 8	1.9	21.8
563½	389¼	Jardine Math	418½	- ½	3.9	
217½	160½	Lonrho	164	- 1	3.6	19.6
191	164	McLeod Russel	175		4.6	15.0
478	368	Powell Duffryn	430		7.3	
146	120	Raynes	125		8.2	9.5
188	155	Sime Darby	188		2.6	17.0
232	184	Staveley	191		5.9	13.9
228	156	Suter	225		5.7	13.7
358	268	TT Group	317		2.6	16.2

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
299	200	Quadramatic	278		3.8	16.2
18	4	Quadrant Grp	9	.	3.5	
65	62	Radiant Metal	65	..		
69	53	Ransomes	61		1.8	14.9
83	55½	Record	66		6.8	12.4
324	231	Renold	293	+ 4	2.4	14.8
36	13	Richards Group	14	.	20.1	
89	74	Richardson West	75	+ 1	6.1	8.7
246	187	Rolls-Royce	218½	+ ½	2.9	26.1
258	171	Rotork	257	+ 1	3.1	21.1
192	160	Rubicon	175		4.4	
1580¾	1187½	SKF 'B'	1421¼	- 12½	3.6	7.9
112	92½	Senior Eng	99		4.5	18.7
280	156	Solid-Rve	280	+ 4	1.3	29.0
938	750	Siebe	928	+ 4	1.8	21.1
84	47	Simon Eng	49		1.6	10.9
301	150	Sir Hundred	283		1.8	12.4
745	622	Smiths Ind	733		2.5	21.8
785	593	Spirax-Sarco	785	+ 3	2.1	23.2
324	287	Sterling Ind	321		3.3	17.2
562	456	TI	538	- 2	3.1	19.2
124	82	Tilsley (E)	121		6.0	13.6
121	72	Transtec	113		2.4	24.5
180	140	Triplex Lloyd	170		5.1	10.2
161	137	Unicorn Intl	158	..	4.4	9.4
82½	71	Utd Inds	71		4.0	10.5
23	10½	Vernon	21			
302	241	Vickers	267	.	3.1	17.4
14	9	Villiers Gp	10			18.6
770	656	Vinc	675	+ 3	2.0	12.9
882	750	Vosper Thorny	795		3.7	13.7
436	306	Wagon Ind	338		7.6	9.0
271	212	Weir	216	- 3	4.3	13.0
275	228	Wellington Hdg	266		3.5	17.5
59	42	Wellman	53½	- 1	4.2	9.8
435	363	Westland	435		3.4	18.5
122	73	Widney	77	.	5.8	8.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

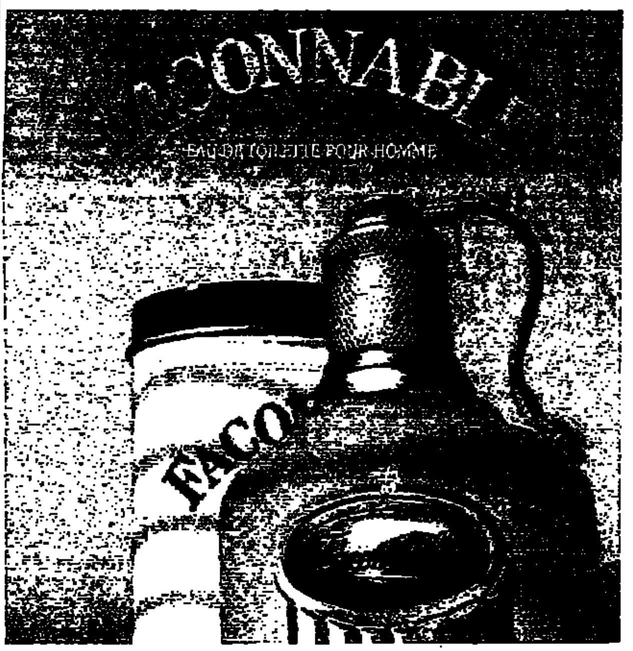
1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	122		8.0	34.8
295	260	AirFlow Stream	260		4.3	6.9
677	473	Avon Rubber	656		3.4	16.0
92	57¾	BCG	84½		4.7	15.5
363	273	Bostrom	333	+ 2	2.5	14.6
29	15	Boustead	17		7.4	
307	175	EMF	293		1.9	
553	431	First Tech	553	+ 2	1.9	
1044	776	GKN	1023	- 1	3.0	17.7
3800	2950	General Motors	3325	- 50	3.1	
668	497	Henlys	662	- 5	2.3	19.1
1758¼	1312¾	Honda Motor	1512½	+ 8	0.6	
502	386	Laird	480	+ 2	3.1	14.0
475	425	Loades	475		0.3	
256	172	Lucas	240½	+ 3	3.6	32.2
130½	91	Mayflower	121½		2.2	34.3
193	145	Sylvine	185	- 1	3.9	14.1
187	127	T & N	145	+ 4½	5.2	9.3
433	350	Trinity Hldgs	366		2.8	17.9

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
429	355	AB Food	402	- 1	2.7	14.5
284	233	Acatos & Hutch	244	- 1	4.6	20.0

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
103	82	Herald C	85	+ ½		
94	71	High Income T	93	.	8.8	
157	127	H Govett Smlr	145		1.9	61.6
110½	93½	HTR Jap Smaller	101½			
16	9	I&S Eql	12			
147	114	I&S UK Smlls	147	..	2.5	33.6
148	129	Inv Cap	140	+ 1	4.7	24.8
157	101	Intl Biotech	117	- 1	1.1	
70	31	Int Wts	40			
115	95	Intl C	101			
114	93¾	INVESCO Asia	99½	+ ½	0.8	
65	43	INVESCO Blue	47	+ 1	22.3	4.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
86	50	Cinedom	76		2.8	14.7
85	56	Clubhaus	65			
251	163	Eurocamp	167		8.2	8.0
208	139	Euro Disney	157	- 1		
199	148	Euro Leisure	199	+ 2		5.5
19	13	Farringford	13	..		...
86	49½	First Choice	65		7.4	
400	345	First Leisure	370		2.7	23.4
190	142	Friendly Hotels	174		4.1	23.2
879	619	Granada	855	- 7	1.8	20.7
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	41	- 1		16.5
217	148	Hornby	217	+ 2	2.5	



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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
181	135	INVESCO Eng Int	172		0.7	58.0
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dis	85		0.4	
137	108	INVESCO Korea	110	- ½		
63½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	55			
95½	65	J Fry 2nd Ut	70		12.3	
79	68	J Fry Euro U	72		7.7	13.2
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	239	- 1		
88	74	Jupiter Ex Inct	83		11.7	9.1
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncW	6			
83	70	Jupiter Gnd Cap	80		12.4	10.0
29	24½	Jupiter Gnd Pld	27½			
128	108	Jupiter Intl Gn	122		3.8	
286	252	Klnwt Chart	286	+ 2	2.4	50.5
130	110	Klnwt E Mkt	114			

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
553	423	Haslock	505	...	2.3	18.5
292	201	Jurys Hotel	282½	+ 2	2.9	
33½	23¼	Kunick	28¼		2.9	23.8
207	143	Ladbroke	197		3.8	30.6
309	212½	London Clubs	309	+ 6	3.1	20.5
489	188	Man Utd	463		1.3	15.0
95¾	77¾	Mandarin Orntl	89¾		4.0	19.4
345	278	Millennium & Copt	313		0.3	23.8
142	89	Northern	127	- 1	3.9	14.4
146	114	Press Leisure	143		5.0	8.4
38	28	Queensborough	31			
32	11¼	Queens Moat	19¼	+ ½		6.0
547	439	Rank Org	473	+ 6	4.3	15.6
47	31	Ryan Hotels	41		4.9	8.3

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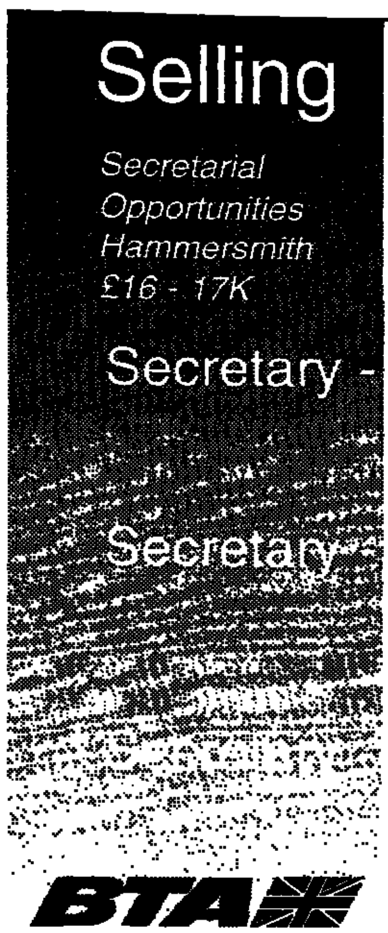

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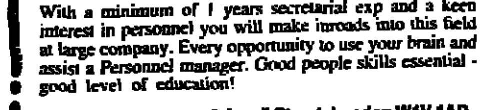

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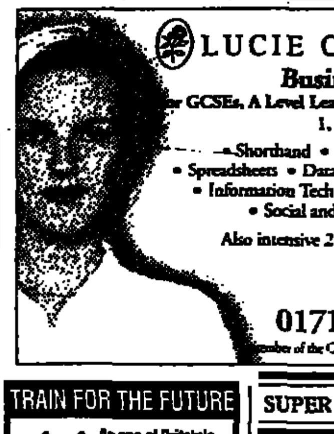

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At the Film Festival a fine British feature debut, *Gallivant*, catches the eye . .

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. . . while Gillies MacKinnon's *Trojan Eddie* is a tale of Irish rogues written by Billy Roche

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The Martha Graham Dance Company brings its founder's early work to the festival

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. . . and Britten's *War Requiem* receives a stunning performance under the baton of Donald Runnicles

The Edinburgh Film Festival began life as a documentary showcase and, says **Geoff Brown**, that's where it still shines

Fantasy found wanting, but reality bites

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Scaffolding and blue sheeting jut out into the pavement and block off the frontage of Filmhouse, the hub cinema of what is now proudly called the Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival. A bad time, surely, to have the builders in. But appearances deceive. The scaffolding and sheeting turn out to be an "installation", one of several by Wendy Hardie designed to bring a festive touch to the cinema on Lothian Road.

The bar decor turns the clock back 50 years to pay homage to Rita Hayworth and the Technicolor frenzy of *Black Narcissus*. The delegates' room, in black and silver, aims for postwar Neo-Realism, although the end result leans more towards a tacky Art Deco night club.

In 1947, when the festival first started, there was no such hanky-panky. It was called the International Festival of Documentary Films, and a picture of a miner at the coalface decorated the programme booklet. One fictional feature, Rossellini's *Paisa*, crept into the first year's selection, but audiences spent most of their time watching *Health for Denmark*, *Here is the Gold Coast* and the latest films by Britain's documentary maestros, Paul Rotha and Humphrey Jennings.

Documentaries still get special treatment at Edinburgh, but changing times and economics mean the festival now strives to be everything to all men, all women, and the trans-gendered too. It wants to be populist. It wants to be glitzy. It wants to be radical. It wants to be serious. It wants to be fun. This is surely too much ambition for one film festival to manage, especially when its budget, its status, and its position on the festival calendar mean that the cream of the celluloid crop has already been premiered elsewhere.

The exception is British cinema. For the second year running the festival is hosting New British Expo, an event for industry delegates that screens every British feature-length film, cream or dross, made during the past year. The public sees a cross-section too, from worthy dramas orientated towards television to the arcane imaginings of the British Film Institute.

But give it its due: the BFI has actually come up with one of the festival's best surprises. This is Andrew Kotting's **Gallivant**, an unclassifiable first feature in which the director, previously known for his short films, takes his seven-year-old daughter and 90-year-old grandmother on a trip around Britain's coastline from Bexhill-on-Sea, in East Sussex, down to Cornwall, up to the wilds of John o'Groat's, and down to Bexhill again. Kotting's daughter has Joubert's syndrome, which restricts her communication to sign language; and much of the film's emotional power comes from the sight of the elderly and the young bonding together, with their differing frailties.

But the only expedition member who came to harm was Kotting himself. He shattered his ankle: a penalty, perhaps, for playing about, which he is too apt to do on camera. But you accept the indulgence, and an over-generous running-time, for the film's quantities of human quirks and visual beauty. Seascapes and clouds scud by in fast motion. The eye lingers on the stout legs and sensible shoes of Newquay's good ladies, playing bowls. Locals try singing *D'Ye Ken John Peel*. Sociology, geography, family drama, cinematic poetry: *Gallivant* is a multi-dimensional experience, and it makes Edinburgh's other new British films seem very flat.

Even Gillies MacKinnon could not compare. After his success at Edinburgh last year with *Small Faces*, hopes were high for **Trojan Eddie**, a tale of Irish rapscallions written by Billy Roche. It is good, to be sure, but not that good: you spend a long while slipping between slivers of characters and events before swallowing a big hunk of drama. Stephen Rea, hangdog look to the fore, plays the title character, a market stall seller of trinkets. Richard Harris is the Mr Big who invites being cuckolded by taking a much younger wife (Aislin McGuckin). Smartly directed and beautifully photographed in settings of urban grunge, *Trojan Eddie* makes you glad that a film can still be made in Ireland without sinking in period nostalgia; but it never quite packs the expected punch.

It is directed by Gillies MacKinnon, written by Billy Roche and features face-with-a-future Aislin McGuckin, but *Trojan Eddie* just misses the mark

Nick Broomfield, at least, does not disappoint in **Fetishes**, which stirred up some mild pre-festival controversy by being "the film that Channel 4 dared not show". Since the subject-matter is an S&M parlour called Pandora's Box in New York City, the spectacle necessarily gets a bit rough; although any revulsion at watching Wall Street brokers encased in rubber or plunged into a lavatory is wiped out by the sad realisation that these people are brought to such extremes to satisfy their emotional needs.

As usual in his documentaries, much of the available fun comes from watching Broomfield, sound equipment primed, poke his seemingly innocent face into a hornet's nest. He asks ingenuous questions; he needles. A pet lizard bites the cameraman. Broomfield himself shifts ground during filming from being an uneasy observer of an alien world to a mildly sympathetic explorer of one more human peculiarity. The film is funny, disturbing and usefully informative.

Peter Greenaway was also a mine of information when he appeared for one of the festival's "Scene by Scene" events and took us through the complexities of his new film, **The Pillow Box**. Greenaway calmly tossed out the provocative thought that after 100 years cinema is waiting to be reborn as a purely visual experience. He longs for a cinema not tethered to words or narratives plodding from A to Z; our own minds, he argues, never work in a straight line.

He has a point, although in Edinburgh we did not need Greenaway to remind us of cinema's failures. We had but to look at **Tattoo Boy**, a pallid tale of teenage hustlers from a young American hopeful, 21-year-old Larry Turner; or Andrea Weiss's survey of gay life on British screens, **A Bit of Scarlet**, a local answer to *The Celluloid Closet* that queers its pitch, so to speak, by avoiding historical perspective, mixing cinema fiction with factual TV, and larding everything with facetiousness.

Festivals are always a lucky dip. That is their frustration; that is their joy. With the current surge of confidence Down Under, it came as no surprise to find an Australian crowd-pleaser like Nadia Tass's **Mr Reliable**, a droll, real-life tale about an ex-con and his girl who drift into siege warfare with the bungling police.

But who would have expected rich rewards from footage shot in the Dutch East Indies between 1912 and the early 1930s? In the engrossing **Mother Dao, the Turtlelike**, Vincent Monnikendam roams through the film legacy of the colonial years: endless documentaries showing natives as "useful citizens", working in factories, converting to Christianity. The camera keeps a safe distance from their faces, only moving in to show the effects of disease. There is no commentary: the soundtrack blends Indonesian music and poetry with ambient noise (useful for getting your thoughts about colonial exploitation in order).

Visually, the material is often remarkably beautiful. *Mother Dao* played at several festivals last year, so Edinburgh is lagging behind. Still, it was good to catch it: this is one film that will never play the multiplexes.

EDINBURGH GALLERIES

IT IS probably an entire coincidence, but a happy one, that just across the road from **Reckoning with the Past**, the revelatory cull of contemporary Chinese art at the Fruitmarket Gallery, is a delightful show filling us in on much earlier periods of Chinese art, **Gateway to the Silk Road**. This is one of three shows at the City Art Centre, and is full of enchantingly quirky ceramic figures, intricate jewellery, metalwork and more.

On the top floor of the building is **Heartland**, yet another selection from the centre's apparently inexhaustible collections of Scottish landscape art. But the real novelty is the show dedicated to **Christina Robertson** in the basement. She turns out to have been a phenomenally successful artist (primarily portraitist) of early Victorian times, much of whose career was in the court of St Petersburg, where she painted everyone who was anyone, in a conventional but lively style.

At Bourne Fine Art the Fine Art Society jointly presents a retrospective of the turn-of-the-century watercolourist **Arthur Melville** (1855-1904). Much of his work was done in exotic climes, and his most distinctive skill is to make every slightest mark on the paper tell, vividly summoning up a bullfight or a beach scene, or the diaphanous mists of his native Scotland.

At the always enterprising College of Art there are four separate shows, including one devoted to a virtually forgotten Edinburgh artist, **William Geissler** (1894-1963), who turns out to have had a sort of distinctive way with a sort of visionary landscape very much in the tone of Forties Neo-Romanticism.

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● Gateway to the Silk Road, Heartland and Christina Robertson are at the City Art Centre, 2 Market Street (0131-529 3993) until October 5. Arthur Melville is at Bourne Fine Art, 6 Dundas Street (0131-557 4050) until August 31. William Geissler is at Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place (0131-221 6000) until August 31

Martha's vignette

DANCE

Martha Graham Dance Company
Playhouse

Now that Mark Morris and Jiri Kylian have had their say, the Edinburgh Festival is looking back more than 60 years to showcase the work of one of the greatest pioneers of dance. Martha Graham died five years ago, but she left behind a company. Its two programmes at the Playhouse, entitled *Radical Graham*, focus on her early work, those incredibly fertile years in the Twenties, Thirties and Forties when she almost single-handedly reshaped the course of dance.

Radical she certainly was. You only have to look at *Serenata Morisca*, the solo Graham performed with Denishawn in the 1920s, to see how far she had to travel from the exotic titillation of her early life as a performer. By the time she produced *Errand into the Maze* in 1947 Graham had become a revolutionary who made dance speak of profound ideas with a bruising directness and in a wholly original movement language.

Lamentation, made in 1930, announced Graham's arrival. This ground-breaking solo, famously remembered for the swathe of stretch fabric that encases the dancer in a woolly cocoon, still startles as a "dance of sorrow". Graham not only found an excoriating rawness in her choreography (something that Katherine Crockett could not quite manage on opening night), she also discovered a genius for sculpting hugely emotive shapes with the human body.

Some of her ballets look better than others. *Cave of the Heart*, her 1946 dramatisation of the Medea story, seems unnecessarily heavy-handed in its use of gesture. But *Errand into the Maze*, in which Graham uses the myth of Ariadne and the Minotaur to illustrate the conquering of fear, is alive with a palpably churning tension in Christine Dakin's performance.

More than most, *Diversion of Angels* (made in 1948 to a Norman Dello Joio score) looks at home in 1996, swept up by a choreographic buoyancy that animates the stage in the person of the three female leads who represent different aspects of love. Red (Fang-Yi Sheu) is defiantly erotic; Yellow (Alessandra Prosperi) is the adolescent, hasty and unformed; White (a very elegant Crockett) is mature love, in perfect balance (literally, in choreographic terms) between head and heart. The men, as so often the case with Graham, are required to be little more than hunky, bare-chested supports for the women.

One of the reasons for Graham's enormous impact was her canny choice of collaborators. One artist in particular, the sculptor Isamu Noguchi, created sets that grew out of, and were part of, her dance.

From *El Penitente* to *Errand into the Maze*, from *Cave of the Heart* to *Appalachian Spring*, Noguchi created tactile environments of extraordinary visual potency. On the Playhouse stage they look wonderful.

How far accuracy has been compromised in some of the reconstructions of Graham's choreography is a point to consider. *Celebration*, for example, is almost certainly not now what it was in 1935, although it's still a lot of fun with its 457 jumps in six minutes (and its chic Donna Karan frocks).

And the three *Sketches from Chronicle* may or may not be true to their 1936 antecedents. But who cares when the result is as stunning as this bulldozing piece for an all-female ensemble? *Chronicle* rails against war and its deprivation in fierce, mesmeric blocks of movement that resonate first with fear and horror, and then with resolve. It ends with the astounding Terese Capucilli — bloodied but unbowed — framed by a corps of women at last empowered to go forward into the future. Sixty years old, it remains a knockout.

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The "astounding" Terese Capucilli, in red, dances one of Martha Graham's *Sketches from Chronicle* (1936)

Doughty warriors go into battle for Britten

MUSIC

War Requiem
Usher Hall

BRITTEN'S *War Requiem* has been performed at the Edinburgh Festival before, but never has so much depended on it. Representing the spirit of international reconciliation in which it all began, it was both a central item in the retrospective thinking behind the programme of this fiftieth festival and a severe test of two musicians prominently associated with the present regime — David Jones, who succeeded Arthur Oldham as chorusmaster of the Edinburgh Festival Chorus in 1964, and Donald Runnicles, the Edinburgh-born conductor who has been entrusted with several large-scale chorus-and-orchestra responsibilities in the Usher Hall.

In the event, it was a triumph not only for them but also for the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, which played an all but impeccable part in a minutely calculated, unfailingly secure — although never merely safe — and ultimately inspiring performance. It began self-consciously, as though Runnicles was concerned more to demonstrate how quietly he could get the chorus to utter the opening words than actually to give voice to them and their meaning. Quietness remained a special feature of the interpretation, but never again with that negative kind of effect. The just-perceptible choral entries on *Quam olim Abrahae* towards the end of the Offertorium and the luminous contrapuntal textures of the rest of that section were as thrilling, in their quiet way, as the brilliant Hosannas in the following *Sanctus*.

That the Edinburgh Festival Chorus could achieve these extremes, and everything between, with such unquestionable accuracy in pitch and dynamic level was a tribute to both the quality of its training and its personal dedication to the score. Complemented by the voices of the RSNO Junior Chorus, floating angelically down from the corridor of the grand circle, the choral singing was the principal and always truthful messenger of the deliberately unsensational and yet intensely focused purpose of Runnicles's interpretation.

In accordance with Britten's original intentions, the soloists were a British tenor, a German baritone, and a Russian soprano — although the audience clearly favoured Thomas Quasthoff who, to his embarrassment, was left to take a bow by himself. All three of them sang quite beautifully. It was Elena Prokina's shaping of the Verdian soprano line in *Lacrimosa* that raised the slowly developing emotional progression on to a new level, and all the more effectively when merging into Anthony Rolfe Johnson's discreetly compassionate *Move him into the sun*. The combination of Rolfe Johnson and Quasthoff in *So Abram rose* was the most disturbing experience of a generally devastating evening.

GERALD LARNER

Off the wall, on the ball

Kate Bassett laughs all the way from the sublime to the ridiculous among the stand-up comics

Be warned. Very few of the hordes of comics on the Edinburgh Fringe are cryingly funny. **Bill Bailey**, however, is a hoot. As the audience trundle to their seats in the Assembly Rooms, he is already going wild, long hair flying, letting rip on a synthesizer which is clutched in a giant model hand. Have we walked into some solo Goth rock gig?

Bailey certainly looks like a paunchy Hell's Angel, large round face like a bearded moon. But this bloke is not exactly head-banging. He is bobbing about, churning out frenzied lift-music, raised eyebrows just visible above those big polystyrene fingers. He is some lunatic organist. By the end, he is doing Richard Clayderman In Concert, head tossing tempestuously, hair blowing about courtesy of a wind machine. Ah, Clayderman. What a maestro. The melody: *Three Blind Mice*.

> ‘By the end he is doing Richard Clayderman In Concert’

Bailey has the bounce of Billy Connolly. His hallucinatory spiels and musical spoofs are an extraordinary blend of popular culture and the cleverly literate. He is off the wall yet absolutely on the ball, slurrily rambling yet really quick-witted. This is distinctly alternative comedy. It is not every day you hear the hackneyed "Three blokes went into a pub" routine in God-awful Chaucerian couplets (Bailey has obviously ploughed through Joyce's *Ulysses*).

His show takes us through the mock-history of The Joke. It is also a satirical music class, exposing the triteness of atmospheric soundtracks and anthems. The quivery *Dr Who* theme tune mutates into mindlessly naff Belgian jazz. *Eye of the Tiger* reveals its true identity as a load of jigging cockney cobblers, rattled off like a ditty from *The Good Old Days*. Rocking and ridiculous.

Meanwhile at the Gilded Balloon II, **The Cheese Shop** are six young chaps in shirts and ties returning to the old-school format of comic sketches. Some of these — skits on yelling monks or ping-pong clubs taken over by cult leaders — need sharpening up. But these boys have natural energy and abandon, prancing through their mock-West End musical number, Satan and Jesus giving each other hugs and doing the hop.

Dylan Moran at The Pleasance Over The Road (the Gilded Balloon and Pleasance seem to be spawning countless satellite venues) is more brilliant. With a touch of Eddie Izzard, his observational comedy about growing up in Ireland veers off unexpectedly into loopy fantasies about living with old ladies underground and sucking stones for money. He sounds as if he is wittering, but his turns of phrase and non sequiturs are sharply funny. Never mind that his memory goes blank occasionally, faced with an hour-long slot. He has unspoilt charm and an inspired zany imagination.

KATE BASSETT

■ CHOICE 1

Claudio Abbado conducts the epic *Gurrelieder* in Edinburgh

VENUE: Tonight at *the Usher Hall*

■ CHOICE 2

. . . while Irvine Welsh's play, *Headstates*, opens on the Fringe

VENUE: Now at the *Graffiti, Edinburgh*

THE TIMES ARTS

■ CHOICE 3

Fiddler supreme: Anne-Sophie Mutter comes to the Proms

VENUE: Tonight at the Albert Hall

■ THEATRE

A superb staging of Beckett's *Waiting For Godot* comes to Kilkenny hot from New York

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

EDINBURGH

A distinguished cast of soloists including Jane Eaglen and Philip Langridge joins the **Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester** with the Arnold Schoenberg Choir and the Edinburgh *Festival Chorus under Claudio Abbado* for a performance of Schoenberg's romantic epic, *Gurrelieder* (Usher Hall, 7.30pm). Later this evening (10.30pm), the same venue is host to a leading period instrument ensemble, the **Hanover Band**, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras. This first of three concerts featuring Haydn's "Paris" symphonies also includes rarely performed vocal works. More music by Haydn is to be found at St Cuthbert's Church (6pm): **Quatuor Mosaïques** perform tonight's programme in the string quartet series. In a recital at the Queen's Hall (11am) the American soprano **Renée Fleming** sings works by Schubert, Schumann and Fauré. **Festival box office** (0131-225 5756)

Highlights of today's Fringe include **Ardal O'Hanlon** of *Father Ted* fame who offers his own observations on life, coloured by his rural Irish upbringing (*Gilded Balloon*, 8.45pm. To Aug 31; Aug 25, 7.30pm). The Chicago performers **Modern Problems in Science** made a hit at the Bloomsbury Theatre in March this year with their application of surreal logic and ludicrous invention to prove that the absurd is true (Assembly Rooms Ballroom, 8.45pm. To Aug 31). *Headstates*, a theatre event and experience by **Irvine Welsh,** *the author of Trainspotting*, features music, dance and dialogue (Graffiti, 12.30pm. To Aug 31). **Fringe box office** (inquiries 0131-226 5257, *tickets 0131-226 5138*).

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: The outstanding violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter joins the **New York Philharmonic** and its conductor, Kurt Masur, for a performance of Brahms's Violin Concerto in D major. Prokofiev's beautiful *Romeo and Juliet* suite forms the second half of the programme. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: Sam Wanamaker's dream comes true. The facsimile Globe opens with Jack Shepherd's production of a *lesser-known Shakespeare. The big* opening will be next year: this "Prologue Season" is to test the space. **Shakespeare's Globe,** Bear Gardens, Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9919). Previews from tonight, 7pm. Opens Sat, 2.30pm. *Until September 15*

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER: British premiere of *Fortune's Fool*, an early comedy by Turgenev, set on a country estate (of course) peopled with courtiers, lovers and villainous servants. Alan Bates heads a cast that includes Rachel Pickup and Desmond Barrit. Directed by Gale Edwards. **Festival**, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm, opens Aug 27, 7.30pm.

Also in **Chichester:** Patricia Routledge plays *Beatrix*, the Lakeland sheep-farmer, otherwise known for creating Peter Rabbit et al. Described as an illustrated play for one player it is directed by Patrick Garland who collaborated with Judy Taylor on the text. Music by Carl Davis. **Minerva**, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Aug 28, 7.45pm

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Beirut: Uncovering the Past (0171-636 1555) . . . **Camden Arts Centre**: *New Contemporaries* (0171-435 2643) . . . **Courtauld**: The Four Elements (0171-873 2526) . . . **Museum of London**: London on FilmWhitefriars Glass: the Art of James Powell & Sons of London (0171-600 0807) . . . **Museum of the Moving Image**: Image-in: Visions of Future Images (0171-815 1350) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Assembling the Family (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Roger de Grey (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Hans Hartung (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Arts and Crafts Architecture (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel**: The Open (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BY JEEVES**: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the *Wodehouse heroes first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised*. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)**: The RSC's (Reduced Shakespeare Company) popular, potty rough-handling of the Bard. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1737). *Wed-Sat, 8pm; Mats Thurs*, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, and Sun, 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER**: Peter Davison and Catherine Rabett in Frederick Knott's classically ingenious thriller, dating from the days before the all-digit phone number. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). *Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat* 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **ELVIS**: Spirited revival of the 20-year-old tribute show. P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972). Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri *and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm*

◩ **HEDDA GABLER**: Alexandra Gilbreath's acclaimed performance in Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Aug 31

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production, with Diane Fletcher, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Kim Thomson, Googie Withers *and John McCallum*. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

■ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN**: Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation. **National Theatre** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep. Ⓢ

☐ **THE LIGHTS**: Howard Korder's *drama of a journey through the New York nightmare. Ends with the cast attacking the theatre, fittingly, because at the end of the run the interior will be rebuilt*. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until August 31

☐ **THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN**: Katie Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season; highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne and Lucy Whybrow (Jocasta and Antigone). **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm.

◩ **THE TEMPEST**: Excellent Denis Quilley plays Prospero in Patrick Garland's production. Expect magic. **Open Air**, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight and Thurs, 8pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. In rep

◩ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . . . ☐ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . . . ◩ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ◩ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE CROSSING GUARD (15): Grieving father (*Jack Nicholson*) plots revenge for his daughter's death. Portentous drama from writer-director Sean Penn. **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

HUNGER ARTIST: Bernard Rudden's remarkable and intense 45-minute film, inspired by Kafka, plus two other British shorts. **ICA Cinema** (0171-930 3647)

LAST DANCE (18): Sharon Stone sits on Death Row; rookie lawyer Rob Morrow wants to save her. Earnest but perfunctory drama from director Bruce Beresford. *Odeons: Haymarket (01426-915 353)* **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

NICK OF TIME: Christopher Walken forces Johnny Depp to kill the Governor of California. Passable time waster, directed by John Badham. **NFT** (0171-928 3232)

CURRENT

AUGUST (PG): Awkward film of *Uncle Vanya* transferred to Wales in the late 19th century, directed by, and starring, Anthony Hopkins. With Leslie Phillips and Kate Burton. **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

FARGO (18): A kidnapping goes haywire in the Midwest. Wonderful, humane crime thriller from Joel and Ethan Coen, with Frances McDormand and William H. Macy. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise. **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** (U): Mistreated James finds his feet in a peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent animated version of Roald Dahl's book, from the team behind *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Director, Henry Selick. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** *(01426-915 574)* **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **THE ROCK** (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris. Director, Michael Bay. **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) ***UCI Whiteleys*** Ⓢ *(0990 888 990)* **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE STUPIDS** (PG): Mirthless comedy about America's stupidest family. With Tom Arnold and Jessica Lundy. Director, John Landis. **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574)

◆ **TWISTER** (PG): Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director, Jan De Bont. **ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888990) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Rio** (0171-254 6877) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

Playing it straight in the waiting room

IRISH THEATRE: **Luke Clancy** applauds a classic production of Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, and wonders at the longevity of Brendan O'Carroll's farce, *The Course*

Barry McGovern (Vladimir) and Johnny Murphy (Estragon) perform Beckett with tight precision beneath a looming Connemara sky

Recent years have brought us Godot the convict, Godot the besieged Sarajevan and Godot the slumming Hollywood film comic. Nothing in Samuel Beckett's **Waiting for Godot** seems to forbid these interpretations. The author may have been a stickler about blocking, and the breathing rhythms of his actors, but his play leaves milieu and significance at the mercy of the inventive director.

The Dublin Gate's current version, which arrived at the Kilkenny Arts Festival after a stint at the New York *Lincoln Centre* as part of the Beckett Festival, is what now passes for the straight Godot, the *classic Godot — Godot* gold. Exquisitely acted, lit and designed, the production has the buffed-up dazzle of a vintage car on concourse day.

> ‘They have the audience laughing its way through the first half’

Rupert Murray's lighting sways with snappy precision from illuminating almost all of the theatre to isolating lanky Vladimir (Barry McGovern) as he receives the news that Godot will not come today. Stage design determines only a looming Connemara sky, a rock good for squatting on and a jagged cardboard tree, its edges blacked like something from a Lichtenstein comic strip.

All this makes a perfect nest for two tight central performances, from McGovern and Johnny Murphy (as Estragon), set off by two equally smart pieces of work from Alan Stanford as Pozzo — played as a cross between Samuel Johnson and W.C. Fields — and Stephen Brennan as Lucky, the hunched servant.

Even in the piece's smallest role, Brennan's delivery of Lucky's celebrated "think" — a foaming spout of formal *speech and cracked logic — had enough spiralling mania to drive the* audience into spontaneous applause.

McGovern and Murphy do not draw spontaneous applause, but they have the audience laughing its way through the first half. They divine the difficult transitions between Beckett's dry, academic quips and his slapstick humour without fail, enhancing both without letting the cleverness of their performances become jarring. The pair even lope around the stage in a state of such perfect distraction that the little symmetrical patterns director Walter Asmus has them perform — which seem to *have come hotfoot from* Beckett's *Quad* — feel like natural placements.

If Beckett leaves one *slightly cold, even after* this production, it is silly to complain. A romp was never on the cards. Still, it is hard not to notice, even given the comedy, quite how difficult it seems to generate excitement about this part of Beckett's work now. Perhaps it is just that the time for a play that means everything and nothing is coming to an end. Or was that yesterday?

Its rejection by last year's Dublin Theatre Festival has not adversely affected the longevity of Brendan O'Carroll's patchy farce, **The Course**. Originally at the Tivoli, and now in the Gaiety, Dublin, its audiences still appear more than satisfied with O'Carroll's work as writer, director and star of this comedy about an induction course for insurance salespeople.

Influenced by Bernard Farrell's Seventies piece *I Do Not Like Thee Doctor Fell*, but also perhaps by James Clavell's *To Sir With Love*, O'Carroll's play has a band of misfits and losers *gathering for a last-chance fortnight of* education under the melancholy tutelage of Joe Daly, the little Everyman played by the author.

Timid Emily (Jenny Gibney) needs to escape from her demanding, helpless husband; bonkers Ben (Brendan Morrissey) needs a hand up from his casual job in a fast-food outlet; misanthropic Will (Gerard Browne) urgently needs to climb back up on the wagon; hooker Tina (Esther Doorly) wants to get into a new line of work: stuttering Tony (Ciaran McMahon) requires a confidence transplant; while Bill (Niall Murray) just needs to sort out whether he is a closeted film buff, or a war reporter for the *Catholic Herald*.

And if servicing this crew of hoary caricatures were not burden enough, Daly is also about to be downsized by an axeman from head office, blustering Burt Rubenstein (Mike Pyatt). To save *his job he must perform a few everyday* miracles and turn his odd assortment into a winning salesforce.

Unlike Farrell's play, which coolly *lampooned the self-help industry and* its consumers, *The Course* treats the subject with a reverence that at times crosses over into evangelism. Instead of finding his comedy in the naïve quick fix of cognitive therapies, O'Carroll uses gags as a sweetener for a grating pep talk about the benefits of a positive mental attitude and the selling power of normality.

With that kind of moral, it comes as no surprise that O'Carroll's comedy is of an extremely coercive kind. Jokes are signalled from miles off — the audience is clearly intended to draw most of its satisfaction from the very predictability of the gags — and punchlines squeezed until the last drop of laughter plops out.

Much of the awkward set is covered with painted red stripes that vibrate incessantly in the eye. A minimum demand for a set, it might seem, would *be that looking at it is not actually* arduous. The set for *The Course* gives the impression that somebody thought that "good enough" would do, without noticing that it was not good enough.

Norwegians slow the pace

BBC PROMS

Oslo PO/Honeck
Albert Hall/Radio 3

IN THE second of its two Prom concerts this year the Oslo Philharmonic had a testing start to the programme in Bartók's *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta*. The players were again conducted by Manfred Honeck, music director-designate of the Norwegian National Opera, as replacement for their own music director, Mariss Jansons, who was absent for health reasons.

With the percussion placed up to one side instead of between the two string ensembles as Bartók wanted, the *reciprocal* effect was a little lopsided at times, and Honeck took his time over the pacing, adding three or four minutes to what the composer specifies. The positive aspect of this was a clarity of instrumental contour that added contrast as well as blend of colouring, not least in the magical detail of the nocturnal adagio movement.

For Dvořák's Ninth Symphony, *From the New World*, the conductor played much more on its element of nostal*gia for the composer's home*land than any new transAtlantic influences absorbed during Dvořák's American sojourn. The slow movement's famous cor anglais tune, beautifully played by somebody not even identified in the *programme's orchestra-list*, sounded more like a lament of homesickness on Dvořák's part than the spiritual which somebody tried to make of it, and the other orchestral detail was also crisply articulated throughout.

Between these classics the Norwegians introduced an orchestral *Interlude* by their compatriot, Alfred Janson. Dating from a decade ago, it proved to be motivated by tiresome political protest more than musical imagination. *With the composer's favoured* accordion weaving a relentless four-note ostinato from among the orchestra amid a vacuous welter of strings and wind instruments, it was, as Ravel said of his own *Bolero*, "empty of music".

As if feeling remiss that their programme was also empty of Grieg, the visitors responded to rhythmic promenade stamping demands for an encore with a lyrical account of the lovely Morning Prelude from *Peer Gynt*, played with a delicacy and a softness that had earlier been a hallmark of the main programme too.

NOEL GOODWIN

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Too New York for London?

Matt Wolf meets the playwright hoping for a warmer British welcome this time

Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles*, opening next week at Greenwich Theatre, remains one of the most acclaimed American plays of the 1980s. But it is characteristic of England's not always generous treatment of this author that her play is only now being seen in the city where much of it was written a decade ago.

At the time Wasserstein was staying at the Nell Gwynn House in Chelsea, courtesy of a grant from the British-American Arts Association. Since then the writer has become one of New York's few bona fide commercial playwrights, and is more likely when in London to stay at the Savoy. *Heidi* not only brought Wasserstein her first Broadway success, the 1989 Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize included, but launched her on a separate career as public speaker, essayist and all-round agony aunt: a Brooklyn-born Jew turned mouthpiece for a nation's women.

Wasserstein's subsequent play, *The Sisters Rosensweig* (1992), actually got to London first — also to Greenwich, in a 1994 staging with Maureen Lipman and Janet Suzman that transferred successfully to the Old Vic. But though audiences responded to the play, which is indeed set in London, local critics were less kind. Several wondered whether hers was the sort of distinctively New York voice that — like Neil Simon and Herb Gardner — does not always travel.

Such thoughts, unsurprisingly, do not sit well with Wasserstein, whose affection for London has yet to be returned. How else to explain the belated arrival of *Heidi*, in most people's view a stronger play than *Sisters Rosensweig*, after several false starts that, at various times, had Fiona Shaw and Elizabeth McGovern mooted to star in a London premiere?

Wasserstein knows the local objections to her work: too American, too Jewish, too "sentimental". What those detractors fail to recognise is her indebtedness to English drama — she cites both David Edgar's *Maydays* and David Hare's *Plenty* as influences on *Heidi* ("I thought of calling my play *Empty*," she jokes) — and to politics that leave placards and banners behind. "The only thing 'too New York' about *Heidi* is maybe my last name," says Wasserstein, 45, her remarks punctuated by wry, self-deprecating laughter.

MICHAEL POWELL

Wendy Wasserstein: "I thought of *The Heidi Chronicles* as a story about a woman from the Midwest, the heartland, who has this set of values and then comes east"

As for being "too Jewish", she says that *Heidi* "is not a Jewish play at all. I thought of it as a story about a woman from the Midwest, someone from the heartland, who has this certain set of values and then comes east."

The play's Broadway star, Joan Allen, won a Tony nomination for playing Dr Heidi Holland, the art historian whose life leads her to the decision, as an adult woman nearing middle age, to adopt a child alone. A subsequent television version starred Jamie Lee Curtis; Susannah Harker (from *Pride and Prejudice*) inherits the part in London.

"Maybe the problem has been that Heidi has a baby at the end, so that's not seen as political enough," muses Wasserstein, whose ending inflamed some feminists in America. "A lot of women thought what I was saying was that to be happy, a woman has to have a baby alone." Instead, she says: "I just thought, this is that woman's choice. Can anyone really tell me that all the women who have adopted children alone have made a wrong choice?"

The Heidi Chronicles, Wasserstein freely admits, "totally changed my life". After such off-Broadway hits as *Uncommon Women and Others* — which began as her thesis play at the Yale Drama School, where Meryl Streep and Sigourney Weaver were contemporaries — and *Isn't It Romantic*, she reached the Broadway audience she had been a part of since she was nine.

But rather than write a play a year, as Neil Simon more or less has, Wasserstein takes her time, preferring to nurture each one through a developmental process beginning at the Seattle Repertory Theatre and on to the non-profit Lincoln Centre Theatre in New York. It is under the auspices of Lincoln Centre that her next play, *An American Daughter*, will open on Broadway in March. And though no casting has been set, Streep and Whoopi Goldberg led an early New York reading.

Away from plays, Wasserstein writes for other art forms — a version of *The Nutcracker* for American Ballet Theatre; a children's book entitled *Pamela's First Musical* — and has a lucrative ancillary career on the celebrity speaker circuit. "I'm a relatively shy person," she explains, "and for shy people it's often easier to speak to 500 people than one-on-one, even if you do wonder whether the women in the audience would want their daughters to grow up to be me — this single-woman playwright."

But though a film with director Nicholas Hytner, a close friend, is planned for next spring, Wasserstein's loyalties are to the stage. Writing for other media, she says, "voices get lost: it's very, very rare where you're not doing a glorified form of dictation. The theatre is the one place where there is at least a voice — where a writer can say, 'Wait a minute; we still merit attention.'"

● The Heidi Chronicles *is in preview from tomorrow at the Greenwich Theatre (0181-858 7755), opening August 29*

After La Bamba, caramba!

LOS LOBOS' role on the soundtrack of the hit 1987 movie *La Bamba*, which gave them an international No 1 that year with the title song, has proved to be a classic piece of miscasting.

The Hispanic-American group may have been the perfect choice to portray the songs of the 1950s Chicano rock 'n' roller Ritchie Valens, but that song has hung over them like a dark spirit ever since, blocking the light of the much richer creativity of subsequent albums. To recognise Los Lobos simply for *La Bamba* is akin to remembering Chuck Berry for *My Ding-a-Ling*.

This year's addition to their undervalued oeuvre is *Colossal Head*, a mighty beast with tentacles stretching, to entwine all manner of rock references. The band, formed amid the richly Mexican heritage of East Los Angeles 23 years ago, were frequent visitors here during their reluctant celluloid-inspired celebrity, but their Borderline appearance was their first UK show in several years. Shoe-horned on to the tiny stage, they started making up for lost time from the first thunderous note.

POP

Los Lobos
Borderline, W1

David Hidalgo and Cesar Rosas continue to lead the Los Lobos attack and it was Hidalgo who engineered an early strike with *Revolution*, the opening song on the current album. On stage as on disc, this guitar-based piece has an irresistibly slinky shuffle, made more alluring by Steve Berlin's saxophone and flute detail.

There were times when the band's sheer volume, with a cannonade of guitars and often with two full drum kits, used a mallet to crack a nut. But for the most part, it was share the energy and damn the eardrums, especially as they unlocked such treasures as *One Time One Night* and the glorious 1984 piece *Will the Wolf Survive?*

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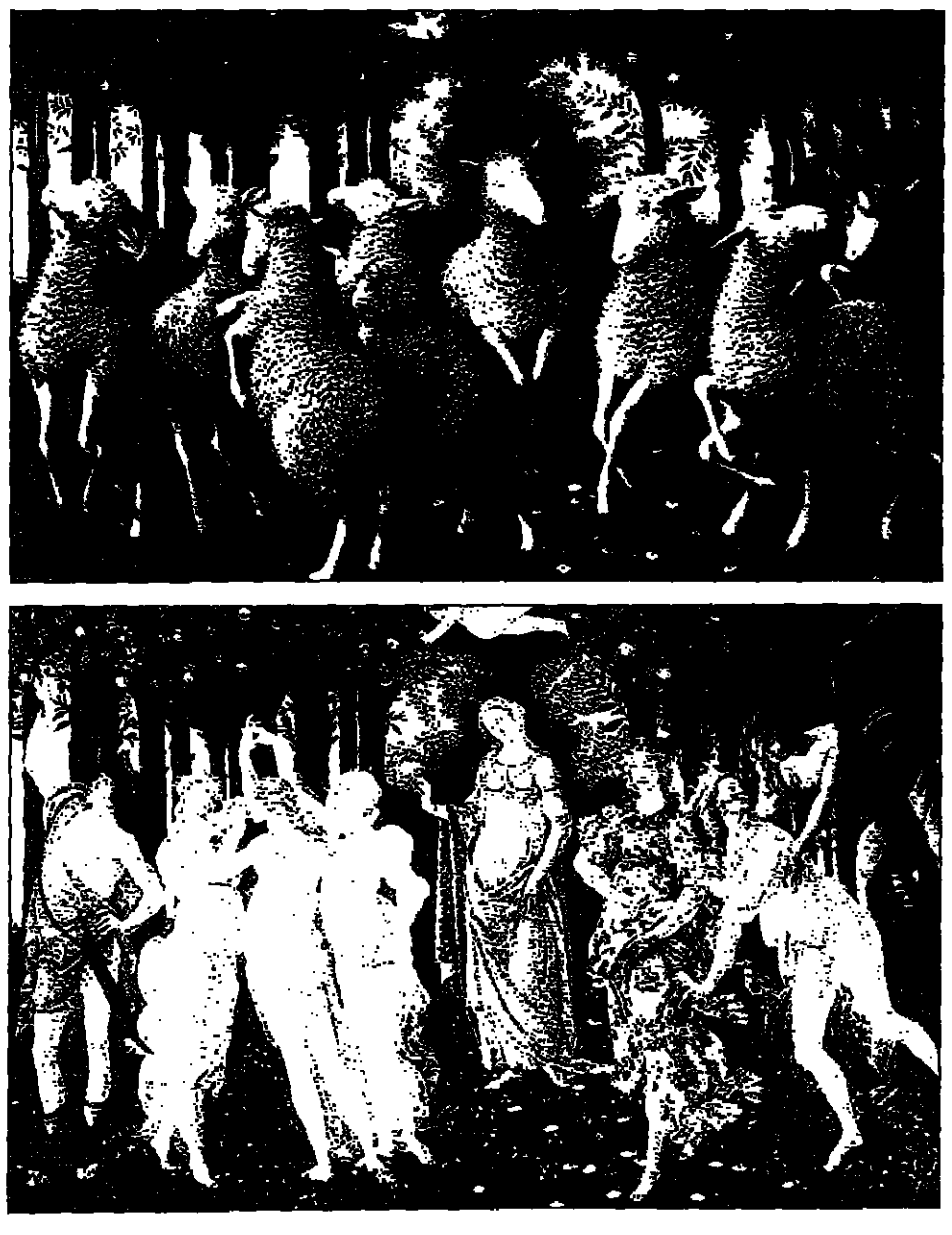

IF *Spring*, Lindee Climo's depiction of dancing ewes, seems oddly familiar (top), it is probably because the American artist has based her 1992 oil painting on the masterpiece of the same name by the 15th-century Florentine artist, Sandro Botticelli (below). Climo has made a career out of reworking the paintings of Old Masters, mainly by replacing the human figures in them with ewes and rams. Some 23 of her works are on show until December 1 at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington DC.

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CRICKET

Acfield lets issue of players rest to win Test case

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

THE affairs of the England team will be governed by a specialist committee from the end of the year after the adoption yesterday of most, though not quite all, of the Acfield committee recommendations. With depressing predictability, the county chairmen who make up the Test and County Cricket Board refused to concede that the chairman of selectors should have the right to rest players from domestic cricket.

This solitary setback for the working party that included two former Test captains, an England manager and two county chairmen was anticipated by its chairman, David Acfield. He ensured, by means of dividing the recommendations for voting purposes, that the main proposals would be passed before the airing of the most sensitive issue.

In a sense, he prepared the way for defeat in a skirmish in order to win the war. In that, he succeeded, as the institution of an England management committee, with full powers for appointing the captain, coach and selectors, was approved unanimously, a huge relief to all concerned with a process that involved several months of research and consultation.

There are various similarities with the England committee that existed under Ted Dexter from 1989 to 1993, and the revival of such a body shames the counties who jealously disbanded it. There are also, however, important distinctions. The new committee will have a chairman presiding over three sub-committees responsible for selection, development and international affairs.

It is not envisaged that the main chairman will also become chairman of selectors, as Dexter did. But, unlike Dexter and his successor, Raymond Illingworth, who have only received compensation for loss of media earnings, the next chairman of selectors will be entitled to a salary.

There is a pleasing symmetry to the new system, that will identify specialists to concentrate on England issues without the divisions and distractions that have inevitably ensued for as long as such matters have been at the mercy of the full Board. It can be argued that a nine-man committee is too large but it is still a considerable improvement on the old, fragmented method, the inadequacy of which was amplified by the farcical election of selectors this spring, denounced by Acfield as "unwieldy and untidy".

It is hoped that the management committee will be set up soon after the next Board meeting on September 24, the counties being asked to nominate a chairman and two other core members. These will be joined by the chairman of the Board, who by then will be Sir Ian Maclaurin, the cricket chairman, Acfield, and the chief executive, soon to be Tim Lamb, in the appointment of the sub-committee chairmen.

Dexter: similarities

The issue of resting players between Tests will continue to fester, despite this defeat for the working party. Counties have repeated their undertaking to view any request from the selectors with sympathy and, indeed, have done so this summer, but there is no evident acknowledgement of one of the main findings of the Acfield committee, which is that England's leading cricketers are asked to play far too much.

Some hope for the future might be gleaned from the advancement of a review into the domestic cricket programme, which will now take place this winter, a year earlier than planned. Nothing this may recommend, however, can be adopted before 1999 and the urgency, in any case, emanates more from concern over future television deals than the health and happiness of the players.

Two more matters were agreed yesterday and only one of them can be applauded. This was the overdue decision that Test cricket is now big enough to stand against any rival sporting attraction. Hence, from next summer, there will no longer be a rest day on the Sunday of the Test that coincides with the Wimbledon men's singles final. BBC Television was said to have "argued the point" but, for once, the game is not being dictated to.

Not so welcome is the intransigence of the counties on the matter of overseas players. The Board's cricket committee, ironically also chaired by Acfield, put to the meeting a recommendation that the 1999 and 2000 seasons should be played without foreign imports. It was a bold and sensible proposal based on the belief of this elected committee that the strength of English cricket may benefit from it.

The counties demurred. Despite a list of six justifications for such a suspension being brought before them, they voted out the recommendation by a substantial majority. A decision will be taken in December on the entire question of overseas players, but a change of heart seems highly unlikely. On some matters, especially when they concern local interests, the counties will not be swayed until and unless such decisions are taken out of their hands.

IAN STEWART

Hassan Raza, Pakistan's top scorer, pulls for four during his innings of 80

Oval sets shining example

By Michael Henderson

NEVER has the Oval looked as lush in August as it does now. Towards the end of a busy cricket season, and after a month of hot weather that has parched grounds elsewhere, the carpet of grass that sweeps round the outfield is thick enough to make the fussiest of Glyndebourne picnickers feel at home.

It is not accidental that Pakistan are England's opponents in the last Test of the summer, which starts tomorrow. A heavily-grassed outfield, the thinking goes, will keep the shine on the ball, be it Duke or Reader, for longer, robbing Wasim Akram and, in particular, Waqar Younis of opportunities for employing the reverse-swing that devastated England in the first Test at Lord's.

Nobody is owning up to ordering this imaginative piece of horticulture. "We have no jurisdiction over the preparation of pitches," David Lloyd, the England coach, said, which does not preclude a nod here and a wink there.

The pitch itself is well up to standard for the Oval, according to Lloyd, who rated it "dry and firm", and expected the carry to be good. It may not be as quick as the one two years ago, when Devon Malcolm bowled England to victory over South Africa, but it should be faster than the one last year, when they batted their way to a draw against West Indies.

Today, after a good long look at the pitch, England will decide whether to play a second slow bowler in Robert Croft, the 26-year-old Glamorgan off spinner, or stick with the four quicker bowlers, which would mean the retention of Chris Lewis, who played so poorly at Headingley.

"I'm not one for chopping and changing," Lloyd said, "and Lewis is probably one of those players who needs to get into some kind of rhythm. For the first part of the summer, against India, he bowled very well."

At Leeds he was held back, behind Caddick and Mullally, and he must bowl with fire at the Oval if he is to go on tour this winter.

"The boot is on the other foot now," Lloyd said, noting that India lost the first Test of their series to England, and had then to catch up, as do England now. "Now Pakistan are one up and we are chasing the series."

India's win marred by unruly section of crowd

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S (India won toss): India beat Pakistan by four wickets

FOR India to beat Pakistan, even at under-15 level in the inaugural Lombard World Challenge, is a cause for over-exuberance of a kind few other nations comprehend. Regrettably, this also resulted yesterday in pitch invasions at Lord's, stumps being uprooted and cans thrown on to the outfield, marring what has been a highly successful competition.

All manner of events have been seen on this great ground, but in all probability never before an arrested spectator being frogmarched through the Long Room by police. The invasions were by around 200 Pakistani spectators when India looked like winning, but the appalling behaviour was not confined to them alone. When six runs were required for victory, the India batsmen, Ratinder Sodhi, the captain, who made a match-winning unbeaten 82, and Vivek Mahajan, sought refuge in the pavilion. There were not only boys running on to the square.

The police and ground stewards could not cope with the numbers involved. The crowd, around 8,000, was restrained until the final session, but the closer India came to victory, the more unedifying their behaviour became. MCC, although it knew of the likely attendance in advance, did not seem prepared for hooligans.

At least two spectators were hurt, one requiring medical treatment on the edge of the square. When the crowd gathered in front of the pavilion at the end, a spectator was seen to be hitting people over the head with a long white stick. The police eventually dispersed the troublemakers, but evidently MCC will have to examine their security arrangements if this kind of match is to be staged at Lord's in the future.

The game itself was an enjoyable one. Pakistan could not rid themselves of Sodhi, although Shoaib Malik, the off spinner, had the chance to do so, missing a straightforward catch off his own bowling. Imran Qadir, in looks and whirligig action unmistakably Abdul Qadir's son, removed one batsman with his googly, but Pakistan simply had not made sufficient runs.

Their innings fell some 25 runs short of an ideal total. They were put in, but there was nothing awry with the pitch or the conditions. Hassan Raza compiled 80, taking 32 overs to reach his first 50 runs, and nobody else stayed in for long enough.

IN BRIEF

McRae is fined heavily for speeding

COLIN McRAE, the world rally champion, was fined $250,000 (about £160,000) by the FIA, motor sport's governing body, in Paris, yesterday. McRae, 28, has to pay $75,000 immediately. The balance of the fine will have to be paid should he repeat his offence before the end of the season.

The Scotsman accepted that he could have been driving his Subaru Impreza too quickly in a service area during last month's Rally of Argentina.

McRae was charged with exceeding the 50mph limit while leaving a service area, forcing spectators to jump to safety. Earlier in the rally he had hit a spectator, who suffered two broken ankles. The organisers were held accountable for that incident.

Stepping stone

Golf: The British women's strokeplay championship, which starts at Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club in North Wales today, is important, not just in itself, but because of its implications.

In a couple of weeks the selectors will be choosing the three players to represent Great Britain and Ireland in the Espirito Santo, the women's world amateur team championship, which takes place in Manila in early November. It is a strokeplay event, so the results this week will have some bearing on the decision, as will the results of the European individual championship in Denmark next week.

England rapped

Badminton: England have been rapped over the knuckles by the International Badminton Federation (IBF) for fielding an understrength team in the Thomas and Uber Cups world team finals in Hong Kong in May and warned that it risks exclusion from the event in future if the IBF considers it in the best interests of the sport.

Spirits high

Golf: The midday cloud and rain did little to dampen the spirits of competitors at the 52nd family foursomes competition at the Burhill course in Surrey, all 49 matches going ahead uninterrupted.

Duty calls

Golf: Colin Montgomerie, the defending champion, has withdrawn from the Volvo German Open, which starts tomorrow in Stuttgart, because his father, James, has been taken ill. Montgomerie has returned to Scotland to be with his father, the secretary at Royal Troon, where the Open will be held next year.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GATESHEAD: Bupa Challenge: Great Britain v International Select (GB unless stated): Men: 100m: 1, D Bailey (IS) 10.19sec; 2, I Mackie 10.25; 3, D Braithwaite 10.34 200m: 1, J Regis 20.62sec; 2, L Christie 20.64; 3, J Williams (IS) 20.70 400m: 1, R Black 44.64sec; 2, D Mills (IS) 45.11; 3, M Richardson 45.15 1,500m: 1, J Mayock 3min 37.75sec; 2, R Kenah (IS) 3:38.13; 3, A Whiteman 3:39.04. 3,000m: 1, N Caddy 8min 03.58sec; 2, R Harris (IS) 8:03.90; 3, J Nuttall 8:05.14 110m hurdles: 1, A Johnson (IS) 13.25; 2, A Jarrett 13.33; 3, C Jackson 13.43. 400m hurdles: 1, C Davis (IS) 48.99; 2, J Ridgeon 49.54; 3, E Thomas (IS) 49.75, 4, G Cadogan 50.46 High jump: 1, C Austin (IS) 2.30m; 2, D Grant 2.30; 3, C Wright (IS) 2.20 Pole vault: 1, P Manson (IS) 5.60m, 2, K Tarpenning (IS) 5.60; 3, N Buckfield 5.50; N Winter no height. Triple jump: 1, J Edwards 17.38m, 2, F Agyepong 16.62, 3, K Harrison (IS) 16.60 Javelin: 1, T Pukstys (US) 85.38m, 2, S Backley 85.06m Women: 200m: 1, J Cuthbert (IS) 23.04; 2, T Mayo (IS) 23.20; 3, C Murphy 23.95 400m: 1, K Graham (IS) 51.24sec; 2, P Smith 51.56, 3, M Frazer (IS) 52.65 800m: 1, I Turner (IS) 2min 6.54sec, 2, S Bowyer 2:07.79; 3, V Lawrence 2:08.24 1,500m: 1, L Pelis (IS) 4:09.24; 2, A Rudolph (IS) 4:14.28; 3, L Gibson 4:15.23; 4, S Parker 4:19.39. 3,000m: 1, P Radcliffe 8:56.25; 2, C Goddard (IS) 9:12.03; 3, A Wyeth 9:25.71 100m hurdles: 1, D Rose (Jam) 12.99sec; 2, A Thorp 13.04 High jump: 1, D Marti 1.90m; 2, L Haggett 1.85; 3, C Livingston (IS) 1.80 Triple jump: 1, A Hansen 14.51m, 2, C Rhodes (IS) 13.87; 3, M Griffith 13.73 Javelin: 1, X Rivero (IS) 63.64m, 2, I Lopez (IS) 62.90; 3, T Sanderson 60.78, 4, D Lewis 43.38 Match result: Great Britain 113pts International Select 121

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 10 California 9; Texas 10 Cleveland 3; Chicago 12 Detroit 7; New York 10 Seattle 4, Toronto 2 Kansas City 1; Milwaukee 6 Minnesota 1
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorado 6 Cincinnati 3, Florida 4 Chicago 3; Houston 2 Pittsburgh 1 (in 13), San Diego 7 Montreal 3; San Francisco 5 New York 4

BOWLS

WORTHING: Men's All-England championships: Fours: Second round: Hylton Colliery bt Crittall Silver End 25-12; Aldershot Traction bt Alnwick 19-16; Stenalees bt County Arts 17-16 (after extra end), Romsey bt Denham 18-17; Blackheath and Greenwich bt Natterton 20-19 (after extra end). Cowes Medina bt Bath 30-15; Carlisle Courtfield bt Faringdon 22-21; St Peter's Municipal bt City of Exeter 26-10, Long Eaton Town bt Cutler Hammer Europa Bedford 16-14; St Andrew's Park and Kildare bt Leominster 27-16; Woodbridge Hill bt Avenue Leamington 18-17; March Conservatives bt Chandos Park 30-12; Bexley Hospital bt Shanklin 27-21; Nottingham City bt Droitwich Spa 26-12; Poole Park bt Leeholme Durham 26-24; Garston bt Kingscroft Levs 22-15. Third round: Aldershot Traction bt Hylton Colliery 23-20; Romsey bt Stenalees: Cornwall 21-20 (after extra end); Cowes Medina bt Blackheath and Greenwich 30-15, Carlisle Courtfield bt St Peters Municipal; Huntingdon 31-11, Long Eaton Town bt St Andrews Park and Kildare 20-12; March Conservatives bt Woodbridge Hill 19-10; Bexley Hospital bt Nottingham City 24-23, Garston bt Poole Park 25-12

CRICKET

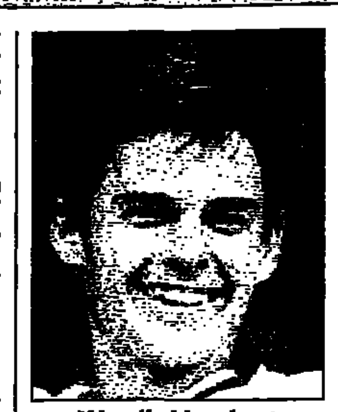
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Horsham: Sussex 425-5 (T A Radford 114, J W Hall 57 N J Lenham 151 not out) v Nottinghamshire Hinckley: Leicestershire 482 (I Sutcliffe 127, J M Dakin 94 D Stevens 54) v Somerset Kidderminster: Worcestershire 364-9 dec (E Wilson 91, D A Leatherdale 50, R Nowell 5-82), Surrey 48-2 Elland: Yorkshire 248 (C A Chapman 80, R A Kettleborough 63): Gloucestershire 122-3 (R I Dawson 66 not out) Eltham: Kent 380-5 (G R Cowdrey 76, N R Taylor 102, J B Thompson 150 not out) v Durham. Swansea: Glamorgan 315 (A W Evans 77, G P Butcher 68, S D Thomas 63): Warwickshire 32-1 Ilford: Essex 216 (I Flanagan 63); Hampshire 19-0
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two). New Brighton: Cheshire 224-6 (I Cockbain 58, T J Bostock 51) and 224-4 (P R J Bryson 127 not out, Cockbain 70), Herefordshire 118 (N D Peel 7-67) and 332-3 (R Hall 93 not out, M J Weston 81, S M Brogan 63 not out, H V Patel 61). Herefordshire bt Cheshire by seven wickets Bournemouth: Dorset 234-5 (J J E Hardy 107) and 241-9 (M Miller 71); Berkshire 248-6 (S D Myles 112 not out; J H Shackleton 4-76) and 228-5 (N W Pitcher 86) Berkshire bt Dorset by five wickets. Trowbridge: Wales 185-6 and 238 (J P J Sylvester 56). Wiltshire 227-4 (S M Perrin 78 not out, J L Taylor 51) and 163-8 Match drawn

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool 2 Arsenal 0
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Hednesford 0 Stevenage 0
ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet 1 Dulwich 4 First division: Molesey 4 Marlow 2
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton 3 Leicester 0
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth RN 0 Thatcham 1
SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier League: Taunton 3 Barnstaple 1
OTHER MATCH: Leek 1 Manchester City 1

GLIDING

LASHAM: National junior championship:



Woodbridge: beat doubles partner

Fourth day (346km quad, Bicester, Earith, Oxford: 29 completions of 30): 1, O Ward (Discus) 117.2kph, 1,000pts; 2, A Darlington (ASW 24) 115.5, 979; 3, D Allison (LS8) 113.7, 957; 4, P Masson (Discus) 111.9, 935, 5, H Rebbeck (Discus) 110.6, 918; 6, J Rebbeck (LS4) 107.5, 894; 7, T Goodall (Kestrel) 111.4, 835, 8, R Clarke (Ventus C) 111.1, 806 Overall positions: 1, Allison 3,925; 2, Ward 3,786; 3, Darlington 3,763; 4, H Rebbeck 3,558; 5, J Rebbeck 3,529; 6, Goodall 3,306.

GOLF

WEST LINN, Oregon: Fred Meyer challenge: First-round scores (Teams of two, US unless stated): 61: M O'Meara and J Cook. 62: M Calcavecchia and B Mayfair. 63: G Norman (Aus) and B Faxon, B Henninger and F Zoeller; T Lehman and L Janzen. 65: S Elkington and C Stadler 66: P Jacobsen and A Palmer; J Furyk and B Glider; T Watson and N Faldo (GB); J Nicklaus and G Nicklaus.

CARDIGAN: Welsh amateur team championship: Second round: Cardigan bt North Wales 3-2, Tredegar Park bt Bull Bay 3½-1½; Pontnewydd bt Meath 3-2; Llanwern bt St Deiniol 3-2; St Mary's bt Cardiff 4-1; Glamorganshire bt Morriston 4-1; Pyle and Kenfig bt Aberystwyth 3-2; Ashburnham bt Whitchurch 3½-1½; Radyr bt Conwy 3-2; Monmouthshire bt Bryn Meadows 4½-½ Third round: Cardigan bt Tredegar Park 4-1; Pontnewydd bt Llanwern 4-1; Glamorganshire bt St Marys 3½-1½; Pyle and Kenfig bt Ashburnham 3-2; Tenby bt Radyr 4-1; Creigiau bt Monmouthshire 3-2; Wrexham bt Rhondda 4-1; Newport bt Holyhead 3½-1½.

HOCKEY

CAPE TOWN: Women's under-18 tournament: South Africa 2 England 1; Zimbabwe 1 England 4

MOTOR RACING

ELKHART LAKE, Wisconsin: Texaco-Havoline 200: 1, M Andretti (US, Lola) 1hr 56min 33.859sec (102.947 mph); 2, B Rahal (US, Reynard) at 0.541sec; 3, A Zanardi (It, Reynard); 4, S Johansson (Swe, Reynard); 5, B Herta (US, Reynard); 6, J Vasser (US, Reynard) all same lap IndyCar world series positions: Drivers: 1, Vasser 136pts; 2, A Unser Jr (US) 115; 3, Zanardi 109; 4, Andretti 107; 5, C Fittipaldi (Br) 93; 6, G de Ferran (Br) 92 Constructors: 1, Reynard 240; 2, Lola 226, 3, Penske, 124, 4, AAR Eagle 9

RIFLE SHOOTING

OTTAWA: Canadian national championship: Ottawa Regt Cup (800m): 1, F/Lt N Moxon (GB) 75.15pts; 2, C Weeden (GB) 75.14, 4, J Underwood (GB) 75.14, A Tucker (GB) 75.13; P Bennison (GB) 75.12; P Hakim (GB, Athelings) 75.12 Gooderam Trophy (600 yds): 1, P Tremblay (Can) 50.9 (after tie-shoot), equal 2, N Moxon (GB) and Ball 50.0; 7, Weeden 50.8, 9, J Elliot (GB, Athelings) 50.8 Tilton Cup (500 yards. Tie: Bennison, D Gass, Underwood, Weeden, all scoring 50.10, to re-shoot with six Canadians. Macdougall Trophy (300m and 500yd) 1, Weeden 100.20; 2, Trembay 100.18; 3, B Wild (US) 100.18 (Telescopic): Bennison 100.17; Gass 100.17; J Ouston (GB) 100.16; Hakim 100.16, Underwood 99.17; P Patel 99.16 Elliot 99.16 Champlain Aggregate (500, 600yd, 800 and 900m): 1, J Alexander (Can) 223.33, 2, Moxon 221.37; 5, P Medhurst (GB) 221.29, 7, Weeden 220.34; 12, Patel 220.23; 13, Ball 219.31.

RUGBY LEAGUE

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Second division: Prescott Panthers 24 York 44 (August 18).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Western Transvaal 0 New Zealand XV 31 (at Potchefstroom)
CLUB MATCH: Edinburgh Academical 14 Saracens 40

TENNIS

NOTTINGHAM: British junior national championships: Boys: 18-and-under: Second round: C Edmondson (Lancs) bt N Watts (Wilts) 7-5, 0-6, 7-5 Girls 18-and-under: Second round: L Latimer (Warks) bt L Deeley (Yorks) 6-1, 6-1, L Herbert (Herts) bt L Naqushbandi (Essex) 6-4, 6-1; L Davison (Durham and Cleveland) bt H Richardson (Northants) 6-2, 6-2; J Cunliffe (Durham and Cleveland) bt S Lydon (Somerset) 7-5, 6-4; S Turner (Sussex) bt J Smith (Surrey) 6-3, 6-1; G Atherton (Lancs) bt T Henderson (Surrey) 6-1, 6-2, T Callow (Middlesex) bt G Dinham (Surrey) 7-5, 6-4. K Von Stauffenberg (Hereford and Worcs) bt C Smura (Lincs) 6-4, 6-4, J Osman (Sussex) bt R Spencer (Dorset) 6-0, 7-5; E Langley (Shropshire) bt C Aldridge (Hants) 6-2, 7-5; K Thomas (S Wales) bt K Kelynack (Kent) 6-3, 6-1; C Lyte (Warks) bt K Sweeting (Cheshire) 6-1, 6-1; R Hutchins (Surrey) bt N Manley (Sussex) 6-1, 6-2; L Perkins (Durham and Cleveland) bt H Farr (Surrey) 6-4, 6-3.
COMMACK, New York: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: M Chang bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-1, 6-3, Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt N Lapentti (Ec) 6-4, 6-3; H Arazi (Mor) bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, K Kucera (Slovakia) bt G Canas (Arg) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; T Johansson (Swe) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-3, 6-4; M Damm (Cz) bt M Mirnyi (Bul) 6-2, 7-6; S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; N Welgreen (Isr) bt A Chang (Can) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6.
TORONTO: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: A Gaudenzi (It) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, A Berasategui (Sp) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 6-4, 6-0, F Clavet (Sp) bt M Hadad (Col) 6-4, 6-4, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-3, 7-5, A Corretja (Sp) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, S Lareau (Can) bt J Robichaud (Can) 6-1, 6-4. P Rafter (Aus) bt C Costa (Sp) 7-6, 6-2; C Woodruff (US) bt S LeBlanc (Can) 6-4, 6-3; D Vacek (Cz) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; J Sanchez (Sp) bt S Draper (Aus) 7-6, 7-6; M Tillstrom (Swe) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; G Carraz (Fr) bt M Knowles (Bah) 6-4, 6-0
CARLSBAD, California: Women's tournament (US unless stated) First round: A Sugiyama (Japan) bt A Gavaldon (Mex) 6-1, 6-2; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt S Hack (Ger) 7-6, 6-3; A Carlsson (Swe) bt L Raymond 6-4, 6-0; S Wang (Taiwan) bt M Oremans 6-1, 6-4, L Wild bt Z Garrison-Jackson 6-3, 7-6.

BURHILL FAMILY FOURSOMES

FIRST ROUND: Mrs H Pryor and M H Pryor (West Hill and Rye) bt Mrs D Nugent and D Nugent (Hindhead) 5 and 4. Mrs J Gelson and M Dear (Potters Bar and Burhill) bt Mrs M Garrett and J Garrett (Burhill) 5 and 4. B Tenniswood and Miss K Tenniswood (Wentworth) bt Mrs M Brown and P Brown (Ashridge) 1 up; R R Collins and Miss L Collins (Burhill and Wimbledon Park) bt P D Robinson and Miss C Robinson (Clandon Regis) 20th hole. Mrs J Tate and M F Tate (Royal Ashdown) bt Mrs E Alderson and J Alderson (Effingham) 4 and 3. K Evans and Miss K Evans (Moor Park) bt Mrs S Stradling and M J Stradling (Worplesdon) 3 and 2: Mrs S Gowar and M Gowar (Hankley Common and W Surrey) bt Mrs M Pollitt and R Pollitt (Burhill) 1 up, Mrs B Chase-Gardener and P Chase-Gardener (Wentworth) bt Mrs J Morgan and S Morgan (W Sussex) 4 and 3: Mrs M Riley and A J Riley (Richmond) bt Mrs E A Robertson and M Robertson 6 and 4; Mrs S Jagger and J J Jagger (Ashridge) bt Mrs J Lawson and P Lawson (Stoneham and Hockley) 2 up; Mrs I Napper and T Napper bt Mrs L Gilbert and A Gilbert (Burhill) 2 and 1. Mrs V Hargreaves and R Hargreaves (Rowlands Castle) bt Mrs L Hellin and B Hellin (Royal Wimbledon) 2 and 1; Mrs D Collins and D Collins (Burhill) bt Mrs S Phillips and R Phillips (Royal Wimbledon) 8 and 7: M Simmonds and Miss V Simmonds (Walton Heath and The Berkshire) bt D Morgan and Miss C Morgan (Ashford Manor) 2 and 1; Mrs J Henderson and S Best (Burhill) w/o Mrs E Brooks and D Adams (Effingham and Royal Mid-Surrey) scr. Mrs P Baker and P Baker (Tadmarton Heath and Lyme Regis) bt Mrs R Boyd and A Boyd (The Berkshire) 6 and 4. Mrs A Clark and S Clark (Burhill) bt Mrs J King and G King (Royal Wimbledon and Wimbledon Park) 2 and 1. J Thornhill and Mrs C Weeks (Walton Heath) bt Mrs A Roid and C Roid (Roehampton) 3 and 2. Mrs A Croft and M Croft (Burhill) bt J V Wilson and Miss J C Wilson (Tandridge) 4 and 3. C H Tilling and Miss A Tilling (Royal Wimbledon) w/o Mrs J Robinson and S Robinson (Clandon Regis) scr; Mrs I Corbin and J Corbin (La Moye, Jersey) bt Mrs J Walker and E Walker (Royal Mid-Surrey) 19th hole: D Frame and Miss K Frame (Worplesdon) bt C Constable and Mrs M DiMichele (Burhill) 2 up; M J Toole and Miss S Toole (Brockenhurst Manor) bt A Cox and Miss A Cox (St George's Hill) 3 and 2; Mrs C Willis and M Willis (Woking) bt Mrs S Stigant and P Stigant (Tyrrells Wood) 1 up. 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Mrs S Rogers and R Rogers (Woking) w/o Mrs H Gregory and A Gregory (Burhill and St George's Hill) scr. Mrs S Birley and E Birley (Tandridge) bt Mrs J A Harvey and N J Harvey (W Surrey) 7 and 5; Mrs H Thorne and J Thorne (Woking) bt Mrs J M Bowes and O M B Bowes (Walton Heath) 4 and 2; J Titcomb and Mrs C Bushell (Piltdown) bt R McKissack and Mrs H Ray (Royal Wimbledon and Royal Mid-Surrey) 4 and 2, Mrs S Ferguson Jones and M Ferguson Jones (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt Mrs J Burrage and S Burrage (Walton Heath) 3 and 2. Second round: Mrs M Bartlett and J W Bartlett (Beaconsfield) bt Mrs J C Parfect and M A F Parfect (Prenton and Moor Hall) 2 and 1. Mrs M E Maisey and S J Masey (Ellesborough) bt Mrs B Turner and P Turner (Tadmarton and Wotton Bassett) 5 and 4; P Sherwood and Mrs S Tucker (Moor Park and Hanckley Common) bt Mrs N Barker and D Barker (Strawberry Hill and Fulwell) 5 and 4. Mrs J Clink and T Clink (Lilley Brook) bt Mrs A Cotton and T Cotton (St George's Hill) 4 and 3; Mrs S Tilling and O Gadney (Royal Wimbledon) bt Mrs S Russell and A Russell (Burhill) 5 and 4; J Brassington and Miss J Brassington (Worplesdon) bt Mrs J Greif and D Greif (Richmond) 5 and 3; T Bennett and Mrs G Millerchip (Walton Heath) bt Mrs J Taylor and D Taylor (St George's Hill) 5 and 4; Mrs J Hale and J Hale (Richmond) bt Mrs A Tenison and E Tenison (Ashridge) 3 and 2; G M Gadney and Miss A C Gadney (Alderburgh and Royal Wimbledon) bt D Hughes and Mrs J White (Beaconsfield and Royal Wimbledon) 3 and 2; M Benham and Miss L Benham (W Byfleet) bt T P J Barr and Miss J Barr (Royal Wimbledon) 5 and 4, Mrs C Bond and A Bond (Burhill) bt Mrs E Jacobs and B Jacobs (The Berkshire and Sunningdale) 3 and 2.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

York

Going: good

2.05 (6f 214yd) 1. REVOQUE (J Reid, 5-2). 2, Symonds Inn (K Fallon, 20-1); 3, In Command (M Hills, 8-11 fav) ALSO RAN: 11-2 Shadow Lead (4th), 25 Get The Point (6th), 50 Drive Assured, Out Of Sight (5th). 7 ran. 2½l, 1¾l, sh hd, 1¾l, 3½l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £3.30; £1.40 £3.70 DF: £21.20 CSF: £38.24

2.35 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, YOM JAMEEL (W R Swinburn, 11-1); 2, Wilawander (M Hills, 13-2), 3, Mental Pressure (K Darley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Berlin Blue, Private Song, 6 Lueling (5th), 8 Fancy Heights (4th), 10 Jazz King, 16 Bowled Over, 20 Warbrook (6th) 10 ran. ¾l, 1½l, ½l, 5l, 3l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £14.70: £3.00, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £36.00. Trio: £155.10 CSF: £78.03. Tricast: £502.83

3.10 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, HALLING (L Dettori, 6-4 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap), 2, First Island (M Hills, 3-1), 3, Bijou d'Inde (J Weaver, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Spectrum (5th), 9 Grape Tree Road (4th). 66 Punishment (6th) 6 ran 3l, 1½l, ¾l, nk, 1l. Saeed bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £3.70. CSF £6.10

3.45 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, DUSHYANTOR (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2, Mons (L Dettori, 7-2); 3, Royal Court (J Reid, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Even Top (5th), 9 Farasan (4th), 12 Dankeston (6th). 6 ran. ½l, 1½l, 1¾l, 2l, 7l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £7.40 CSF: £13.21.

4.15 (6f) 1, OPTIONS OPEN (K Fallon, 9-1), 2, Double Splendour (K Darley, 4-1 fav), 3, Marl (T Quinn, 20-1); 4, Cyrano's Lad (W R Swinburn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Double Bounce (6th), 10 Tiler, 12 Benzoe, Golden Pound, 14 Stuffed, 16 Bayin, Lord Olivier (5th), Royal Dome, Seigneurial, 20 Mister Jolson, 25 April The Eighth, Maiteamia, No Monkey Nuts, 33 Bollin Harry, The Wad, 50 Saint Express, 100 Snipe Hall. 21 ran. NR, Silent Expression 2l, 1¾l, hd, ¾l, 1¼l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote. £10.00, £2.50, £1.90, £5.80, £3.20 DF: £23.20 Trio: £252.40 CSF. £45.76 Tricast £507.23

4.45 (1m 7f 195yd) 1. CELERIC (W Carson, 9-4 fav), 2. Always Aloof (M J Kinane, 9-2); 3, Sanmartino (M Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN. 5-2 Grey Shot (4th). 6 Benatom (6th), 20 Anchor Clever (5th). Latahaab 7 ran 3l, nk, 4l, 5l, 4l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote. £2.70, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £6.50. CSF £11.95

5.15 (6f 214yd) 1, PENSION FUND (Dale Gibson, 8-1), 2, Demolition Man (K Darley, 11-4 fav); 3, Ninth Symphony (W Carson, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Cherokee Flight, 6 Dickie Bird (6th), 13-2 Shoumatara, 8 Hawait, 11 Burlington House (5th), 12 Charlton Spring, 14 Bolero Boy (4th). 10 ran. NR: Enchanting Eve, Zugudi. Hd, nk, 2l, hd, hd. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton Tote: £10.30; £2.40, £1.50, £3.10. DF. £13.30 Trio: £87.40 CSF: £30.50 Tricast: £258.77.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £27,210.83 carried forward to York today).

Placepot £132.80. Quadpot £12.80.

Folkestone

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.20 (6f 189yd) 1, Princess Of Hearts (R McGhin, 5-1); 2, Heavenly Dancer (5-2 fav); 3, Ginny Wossername (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Dashing Rocksville, Woodland Dove. ½l, 3½l. W Haggas. Tote: £7.80; £2.80, £1.80. DF: £9.60 Trio £20.30 CSF £16.36. Sold for 6,200gns

2.50 (6f 189yd) 1. The In-Laws (G Duffield, 5-2): 2. Mutribah (7-4 fav): 3. Cowtharee (9-2). 8 ran Nk, ½l M Prescott. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.10, £1.40 DF: £4.20 CSF. £6.55

3.25 (1m 4f) 1. Rising Spray (Paul Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2. Greenwich Again (9-2): 3, Zeliba (4-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 1¾l C Horgan. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £2.90. DF. £4.60. CSF: £12.51

4.00 (6f) 1, Failed To Hit (G Duffield, 5-6 fav): 2. Shavinsky (5-2); 3, Il Dons (5-1). 6 ran. NR: Nakami. ½l, 3l M Prescott. Tote. £1.70: £1.10, £1.50 DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.27.

4.30 (6f) 1. Waders Dream (M Fenton, 20-1), 2, Scissor Ridge (2-1), 3, Don Pepe (6-4 fav). 5 ran. ¾l, 3l Pat Mitchell. Tote. £23.90; £4.90, £1.20. DF: £10.30. CSF: £55.10

5.00 (2m 93yd) 1. Candle Smoke (Gaye Harwood, 7-2); 2. Jamaican Flight (11-2); 3, Perfect Gift (9-1). Influence Pedler 3-1 fav 8 ran 6l, 1½l G Harwood. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £1.80, £2.00 DF: £14.20. CSF: £20.83. Tricast: £136.56.

Placepot: £48.60.

Quadpot: £10.60.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CORRADINI
(3.10 York)

Next best: Shamadara
(2.35 York)

Monday's late details

Leicester

Going: good to firm

5.40 (7f 9yd) 1. Dummer Golf Time (D Harrison, 9-4 fav); 2 Saley Ana (4-1). 3. Perilous Flight (11-1) 9 ran 2l, 1½l Lord Huntingdon Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £6.80. Trio: £19.30 CSF: £11.37.

6.10 (5f 218yd) 1, Heavenly Miss (T Sprake, 9-1): 2, Saint Who (11-2); 3, Fearless Cavalier (11-2). Champagne On Ice 100-30 jt-fav 8 ran 2l, 2½l. B Palling. Tote. £9.60; £2.30, £2.00, £2.10 DF: £85.90. CSF. £55.85. Winner sold for 9,000 gns

6.40 (5f 2yd) 1, Bangles (D Harrison, 9-2): 2, Longwick Lad (13-2); 3, Polly Golightly (13-2) Windrush Boy 7-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Malibu Man. 1¾l, ¾l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £3.70. £1.60, £2.10, £2.80. DF. £20.40 Trio: £38.00 CSF: £30.28. Tricast: £171.23.

7.10 (1m 3f 183yd) 1. Ragsak Jameel (T Sprake, 9-2 fav); 2, Get Away With It (5-1). 3, Te Amo (6-1). 10 ran. Nk, 2½l W Hern Tote. £4.80; £2.00, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £13.20. Trio. £22.80. CSF: £26.06. Tricast: £125.69.

7.40 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Domettes (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav); 2. Cebwob (7-2): 3. Little Kenny (8-1). 8 ran. Nk, 3l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.60; £1.00, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £3.10 CSF. £5.03.

8.10 (1m 8yd) 1, Eurobox Boy (W J O'Connor, 5-1); 2, Forest Fantasy (9-2); 3, Bandit Girl (9-2). Sharp Shuffle 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 2l, ¾l A Jarvis Tote £5.90; £1.60, £2.50, £1.30. DF £16.90. Trio: £24.70 CSF: £26.99 Tricast: £100.12.

Placepot: £60.90.

Quadpot: £8.80.

Plumpton

Going: firm, good to firm in places

5.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Scamallach (G Bradley, 8-11 fav); 2, Misty View (7-1): 3, Siesta Time (11-4). 5 ran 4l, 7l J Jenkins Tote £1.40, £1.10, £2.10 DF: £3.40 CSF: £5.84.

5.55 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Verulam (G Bradley, 9-4); 2, Bright Eclipse (4-1); 3, Home Cookin' (11-8 fav). 5 ran. 7l, 25l. J Jenkins. Tote: £3.70, £1.50, £1.30. DF. £8.30 CSF: £10.75

6.25 (2m ch) 1, Noblely (R Farrant, 5-4): 2, Safety (Evens fav); 3, Lavalight (33-1). 4 ran 25l, 14l N Walker Tote £1.70 DF. £1.10. CSF: £2.69.

6.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Gone By (G Bradley, 11-2): 2. No Light (13-8 fav), 3. Mr Geneaology (7-2). 5 ran 1¾l, 25l J Jenkins Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £1.20 DF £4.00 CSF: £14.44

7.25 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Wakt (A P McCoy, 2-9 fav); 2, Jimmy The Jackdaw (5-1). 3 ran. Only two finished. 5l J White. Tote. £1.10 DF £1.20. CSF. £1.70.

7.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Shalik (J Railton, 2-1); 2, Lac De Gras (2-1); 3, Brigadier Supreme (14-1) Kama Simba 13-8 fav (pu). 4 ran. 9l, dist. J Jenkins. Tote £3.40. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.11 Only three finished.

Placepot £35.70.

Quadpot £12.10.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

5.30 Halebid. 5.55 Entrepreneur. 6.25 Welcome Parade. 6.55 Great Ovation. 7.25 Test The Water. 7.55 Broughtons Turmoil.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.30 FORESTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,046. 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	(10)	1123	HALEBID 16 (G) S Woods 9-7	C Webb (3)	92
2	(13)	3000	MISKY BAY 46 (V) J Gosden 9-7	A Eddery	91
3	(12)	0460	APACHE LEN 46 R Hannon 9-7	Sophie Mitchell	92
4	(6)	2100	SAFECRACKER 58 (B,F) J Hills 9-1	R French (5)	93
5	(14)	0660	SCIMITAR 55 P Makin 9-1	D Sweeney	97
6	(9)	0000	SAM ROCKETT 75 C Horgan 8-9	Gaye Harwood (3)	88
7	(7)	6100	ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 14 (D,F) Mrs B Waring 8-6	Iona Wands	90
8	(5)	0041	ALLSTARS ROCKET 7 (F) T Naughton 8-4 (5ex)	J Wilkinson (3)	98
9	(2)	4000	OSCAR ROSE 8 Lord Huntingdon 8-3	Aimee Cook	91
10	(11)	-040	MAY KING MAYHEM 60 Mrs A King 8-1	D Denby (3)	94
11	(3)	6103	PRINCESS PAMGADDY 16 (G) P Cole 7-12	J Bosley (7)	98
12	(8)	0000	LAUGHING BUCCANEER 72 M Haynes-Ellis 7-11	J Fowle (5)	92
13	(1)	-003	NORTHERN SAGA 8 C Drew 7-10	R Mullen (3)	[illegible]
14	(4)	0000	SPIRAL FLYER 53 M Usher 7-10	R Brisland (5)	80

☐ King Mayhem will run only if it rains

4-1 Halebid, 5-1 Apache Len, 6-1 Allstars Rocket, 8-1 Princess Pamgaddy, 10-1 Northern Saga, Sam Rockett, Safecracker, 12-1 others

5.55 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CONFEDERACY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,518: 7f) (15)

1	(2)	0	ALWAYS ALIGHT 113 K Burke 9-0	Emily Joyce (7)	–
2	(1)		BOLD WORDS E Dunlop 9-0	W Ryan	–
3	(5)	4	ENTREPRENEUR 19 (BF) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	[illegible]
4	(6)		FALAK W Hern 9-0	W R Swinburn	88
5	(10)	0	FROST KING 28 Miss B Sanders 9-0	A Whelan (3)	–
6	(3)		HEART OF ARMOR P Cole 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
7	(8)		PADAUK M Haynes 9-0	D Harrison	–
8	(9)	0	PENNYS FROM HEAVEN 19 H Candy 9-0	C Rutter	80
9	(13)	3	PRAIRIE FALCON 19 (BF) B Hills 9-0	J D Smith (5)	92
10	(4)		SHALAAL E Dunlop 9-0	S Whitworth	–
11	(11)		SILVER PATRIARCH J Dunlop 9-0	T Sprake	–
12	(15)		STATE OF GOLD W Haggas 9-0	T Ives	–
13	(7)		ST LAWRENCE C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
14	(14)		SUPREME SOUND P Harris 9-0	A Clark	–
15	(12)		WARRING M Channon 9-0	P P Murphy (5)	–

2-1 Entrepreneur, 5-1 Prairie Falcon, 7-1 Silver Patriarch, 10-1 Heart Of Armor, 12-1 Shalaal, Pennys From Heaven, 14-1 others

6.25 RACING & FOOTBALL OUTLOOK HANDICAP
(£5,375: 1m 4f) (9)

1	(9)	0323	ROMIOS 33 (BF,G,S) P Cole 4-10-0	Dane O'Neill	94
2	(2)	4142	ARTIC COURIER 13 (CD,F) D Cosgrove 5-9-12	J Stack	96
3	(5)	2143	LEADING SPIRIT 25 (CD,F,G,S) C Wall 4-9-11	J Reid	97
4	(6)	6121	DEAR LIFE 15 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-2	A Clark	95
5	(4)	5410	NOBLE SPRINTER 18 (F,G) W Haggas 4-9-2	Elizabeth Turner (7)	98
6	(1)	31	WELCOME PARADE 13 (F) H Cecil 3-9-1	W Ryan	90
7	(8)	040-	VOLUNTEER 228J R O'Sullivan 4-8-5	D Biggs	90
8	(3)	2101	HAYA YA KEFAAH 106 (D,F,G) N Babbage 4-8-3	T Sprake	92
9	(7)	2200	GENERAL MOUKTAR 25 (D,F,G) B Meehan 6-8-1	B Doyle	[illegible]

5-2 Welcome Parade, 4-1 Leading Spirit, 9-2 Romios, 5-1 Haya Ya Kefaah, 6-1 Artic Courier, 7-1 Dear Life, 10-1 Noble Sprinter, 12-1 others

6.55 GO EVENING RACING WITH THE DAILY TELEGRAPH CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,884: 7f) (7)

1	[illegible]	13	BALI PARADISE 88 (S) P Cole 9-2	Dane O'Neill	87
2	[illegible]	1	BAREEQ 14 (CD,F) H Thomson Jones 9-2	T Sprake	91
3	[illegible]	1	GREAT OVATION 49 (D,F) L Cumani 9-2	O Urbina	92
4	[illegible]	51	MUSICAL DANCER 22 (D,F) E Dunlop 9-2	W Ryan	87
5	[illegible]	1	SANDSTONE 39 (D,F) J Dunlop 9-2	J Reid	91
6	[illegible]	1	TARSKI 28 (D,F) H Cecil 9-2	Pat Eddery	91
7	[illegible]	102	TUSCANY 39 (G) P Cole 9-2	T Quinn	[illegible]

7-4 Great Ovation, 3-1 Tarski, 9-2 Bareeq, 6-1 Sandstone, 7-1 Bali Paradise, 8-1 Tuscany, 10-1 Musical Dancer

7.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WIGAN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
SKY
(2-Y-O: £2,997: 6f) (17)

1	(13)		BLOOD ORANGE G Margarson 9-0	P Bloomfield	–
2	(14)		CERTAIN MAGIC W Muir 9-0	J Reid	–
3	(11)	00	CHAMPAGNE TOAST 18 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
4	(12)		EJEER M Channon 9-0	P P Murphy (5)	–
5	(7)	0	INDIFFERENT GUY 19 C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	72
6	(10)		KINGSDOWN TRIX A Moore 9-0	C Rutter	–
7	(4)	3	MARENGO 18 J Akehurst 9-0	T Quinn	[illegible]
8	(16)		SPANISH WARRIOR J Hills 9-0	A Clark	–
9	(9)	02	TEST THE WATER 7 R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	91
10	(15)	6	BLOWN-OVER 11 A Stewart 8-9	D Harrison	80
11	(1)	00	CHILLI BOOM 11 T Naughton 8-9	T Sprake	–
12	(2)	04	ELLWAY LADY 11 I Balding 8-9	W Ryan	–
13	(8)	0	HOH FLYER 11 M Bell 8-9	M Fenton	–
14	(3)	4	OAKBROOK ROSE 23 B Smart 8-9	J Stack	86
15	(5)		ROYAL ROULETTE S Woods 8-9	D Biggs	–
16	(17)	2226	SMUGURS 32 R Williams 8-9	D R McCabe	86
17	(6)		WRN PRINCESS B Meehan 8-9	M Tebbutt	–

3-1 Marengo, 8-1 Test The Water, Smugurs, 10-1 Oakbrook Rose, Indifferent Guy, 12-1 Ejeer, Ellway Lady, 14-1 others

7.55 CUNLIFFE HANDICAP
SKY
(£3,176: 7f) (16)

1	(13)	3433	BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 17 (D,F,G) W Musson 7-9-11	Pat Eddery	92
2	(16)	0112	WHATEVER'S RIGHT 5 (D,BF,F,G) M Usher 7-9-10	B Doyle	93
3	(3)	0031	BALANCE OF POWER 21 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 4-9-8	S Sanders	94
4	(10)	5005	MOROCCO 8 (D,F,S) M Channon 7-9-3	A Eddery (7)	90
5	(4)	0002	SPANDREL 23 H Candy 4-9-3	C Rutter	91
6	(6)	0534	PADDY'S RICE 17 (D,BF,F) M McCormack 5-9-1	J Reid	93
7	(8)	6100	BLUSHING GRENADIER 20 (G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-0	D Harrison	93
8	(12)	0531	HONORABLE ESTATE 9 (D,F,G) R Hannon 3-9-0 (5ex)	Dane O'Neill	98
9	(5)	1142	POINTER 6 (D,BF,F,S) Mrs P Dutfield 4-8-13	Aimee Cook (5)	[illegible]
10	(1)	6-45	LADY ISABELL 23 S Dow 3-8-12	W Ryan	90
11	(15)	0010	SOAKING 20 (CD,F,G) P Burgoyne 6-8-11	D R McCabe	89
12	(9)	0044	ASTRAL'S CHANCE 24 K Burke 3-8-4	M Fenton	90
13	(2)	4034	MOGIN 23 T Naughton 3-8-1	T Sprake	93
14	(11)	00/	SHARP MOVE 715 Mrs J Cecil 4-8-1	A Clark	–
15	(7)	-404	RACING TELEGRAPH 21 (G) C Allen 6-7-13	Martin Dwyer (5)	–
16	(14)	-000	AL SHAATI 188 (G) R O'Sullivan 6-7-10	N Adams	–

4-1 Whatever's Right, 9-2 Balance Of Power, 7-1 Spandrel, 8-1 Broughtons Turmoil, Pointer, 10-1 Paddy's Rice, Morocco, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Haynes, 4 winners from 18 runners, 22.2%, H Thomson Jones, 11 from 50, 22.0%, P Burgoyne, 3 from 15, 20.0%, A Stewart, 3 from 17, 17.6%, J Gosden, 13 from 81, 16.0%, H Cecil, 10 from 64, 15.6%

JOCKEYS: D R McCabe, 5 winners from 21 rides, 23.8%, Pat Eddery, 46 from 233, 19.7%, J Reid, 24 from 180, 13.3%, T Quinn, 31 from 235, 13.2%, S Sanders, 5 from 40, 12.5%, W Ryan, 11 from 90, 12.2%.

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.25 Buglet. 2.55 Almapa. 3.30 Pond House. 4.05 Shahrani. 4.35 Distant Memory. 5.05 Akiymann.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.25 BRAMBLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,781: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	P115	DENOMINATION 16 (BF,F) M Pipe 4-11-10	G Supple (5)
2	0	BUGLET 74 (F) M Pipe 6-11-6	D Walsh
3	0634	BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 6 (V,CD,G) N Hawke 7-11-1	J Culloty
4	1-45	NORDIC CROWN 34 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-9	R Massey
5	0P0-	CHELWORTH WOLF 144 J Spearing 4-10-1	Michael Brennan
6	5-0F	COEUR BATTANT 16 (D,F) R Baker 6-10-0	T Dascombe
7	U/	STARSHADOW 814 W G M Turner 7-10-0	J Power (5)

2-1 Denomination, 5-2 Buglet, 7-2 Nordic Crown, 7-1 others

2.55 INTERLINK EXPRESS DELIVERY MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,232: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1	PF0-	FALCONS DAWN 107 S Knight 9-11-5	Miss L Blackford
2	40	FLEET CADET 18 (B) M Pipe 5-11-5	D Bridgwater
3	P233	MUTLEY 16 N Hawke 6-11-5	J Culloty (3)
4	2	ALMAPA 16 R Hodges 4-11-2	T Dascombe (3)
5	00P-	MISS FOXY 191 R Frost 6-11-0	J Frost
6	1163	REGAL GEM 9 (F,G) C Barwell 5-11-0	B Fenton
7	6/	SCOTTISH PARK 34F (B) M Pipe 7-11-0	A P McCoy

9-4 Fleet Cadet, 3-1 Regal Gem, 4-1 Mutley, 9-2 Scottish Park, 5-1 others.

3.30 CITY OF EXETER CHALLENGE BOWL
(Handicap chase: £4,215: 2m 3f) (2)

1	-P11	POND HOUSE 12 (F) M Pipe 7-11-10	D Bridgwater
2	3232	HENLEY REGATTA 18 (CD,F) P Rodford 8-11-7	S Burrough

4-7 Pond House, 5-4 Henley Regatta

4.05 INTERLINK EXPRESS PARCELS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,708: 2m 3f) (3)

1	111	SHAHRANI 11 (F,G) M Pipe 4-12-1	D Bridgwater
2	-213	BORN TO PLEASE 11 (BF,F) P Hobbs 4-11-3	A P McCoy
3	060-	ON MY TOES 90 R Frost 5-10-9	J Frost

1-3 Shahrani, 11-4 Born To Please, 16-1 On My Toes

4.35 INTERLINK EXPRESS DATA NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 2m 3f) (8)

1	1-1F	ROBERT'S TOY 60 (B,BF,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-8	D Bridgwater
2	5-21	DISTANT MEMORY 6 (B,F,G) P Hobbs 7-11-5	A P McCoy
3	-4P5	TANGO'S DELIGHT 16 (G) R Baker 8-11-5	B Powell
4	P52-	BISHOPS CASTLE 99 (G) R Frost 8-10-12	J Frost
5	0-PP	LIBERTY JAMES 16 Mrs E Brooks 9-10-12	G Upton
6	311/	OCTOBER BREW 954 (B,G,S) M Pipe 6-10-12	D Walsh (3)
7	06P-	DUBELLE 91 J King 6-10-7	J Culloty (3)
8	06-0	OUR NIKKI 53 P Rodford 6-10-7	S Burrough

6-4 Distant Memory, 9-4 Robert's Toy, 9-2 October Brew, 8-1 Dubelle, 10-1 Tango's Delight, 12-1 Bishops Castle, 25-1 others.

5.05 INTERLINK EXPRESS FREIGHT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,232: 2m 6f) (3)

1	2-P6	AKIYMANN 18 (B) M Pipe 6-11-10	D Bridgwater
2	PP6-	WISSYWIS 135 F Yardley 4-10-5	B Fenton
3	P0P-	EMBLEY BUOY 83 (S) J Mullins 8-10-3	S Curran

1-2 Akiymann, 3-1 Wissywis, 6-1 Embley Buoy

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 60 winners from 229 runners, 26.2%, P Hobbs, 19 from 109, 17.4%; J King, 4 from 35, 11.4%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: D Bridgwater, 16 from 78, 20.5%, A P McCoy, 11 from 64, 17.2%, J Culloty, 7 from 55, 12.7%, G Upton, 7 from 65, 10.8% Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 2.25 Beam Me Up Scotty. 2.55 Scottish Park. Kempton Park: 5.30 Safecracker

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Most tournament players use jump overcalls to show weak hands, though the standard varies between partnerships (and sometimes between different members of the same partnership). *A weak jump was very effective on this hand. It was played in the* BBL's practice match between the Open team and the 'Barbarians' (a team made up of other pairs from the Premier League).

Dealer West **Love all** **IMPs**

North:
♠K
♥962
♦865
♣KQ10953

West:
♠QJ108
♥AK74
♦KQ742
♣—

East:
♠97642
♥QJ83
♦93
♣J2

South:
♠A53
♥105
♦AJ10
♣A8764

W	N	E	S
Robson	Senior	Forrester	Sheehan
1D	3C	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

Contract: 3NT doubled, by South. Lead: queen of spades.

After Senior's weak jump overcall of Three Clubs, it was obvious for me to bid 3NT — I could count a likely six tricks in clubs along with my two aces, and there was a possibility of a trick somewhere else. Bidding 3NT also had a preemptive effect on West.

Whether Robson's double of 3NT should mean he had a take-out double of clubs or a more penalty-oriented hand isn't clear: Forrester interpreted it in the latter sense. 3NT doubled came home with two spade tricks, a diamond and six clubs tricks. If Senior had passed on the first round East-West would not have had any problems. As it was, even if they had managed to bid Four Spades over 3NT, I could have saved in Five Clubs for one off.

At both other tables North passed West's opening One Diamond, and East responded One Spade. West rebid Four Clubs (showing shortage in clubs with spade support), and so both East-West pairs arrived in the lay-down Four Spade contract.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OPERCULUM
a. A plant lid
b. A novella
c. Punishment lines

DECOCTION
a. Treachery
b. Soup
c. A hot bath

KAMICHI
a. A bird
b. Japanese tea ceremony
c. Ritual bowing

QUAESTUARY
a. A false estuary
b. The Quaestor's office
c. A mercenary

Answers on page 42

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British tactics

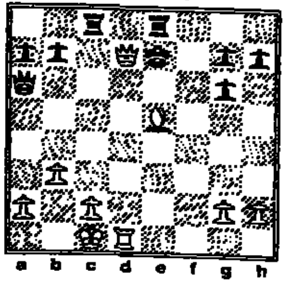
Traditionally, leading British players such as Joseph Blackburne, Jonathan Penrose and Nigel Short, have excelled at tactics, and the annual British Championship produces a superb opportunity for tactical ideas. This year's championship was no exception, with a huge number of quick wins involving sharp tactical concepts.

White: David Tebb
Black: Thomas Clarke
British Championship.
Nottingham, August 1996

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	Bd2	Ne7
6	dxc5	Nbc6
7	Qh5	Ng6
8	Nf3	Bxc5
9	0-0-0	Bxf2
10	Bd3	Nb4
11	Bxg6	hxg6
12	Qg4	Nc6
13	Rhf1	Bc5
14	Ng5	Nxe5
15	Qe2	Bd6
16	Nxd5	exd5
17	Nf7	Qc7
18	Nxe5	Bxe5
19	Bc3	Be6
20	Bxe5	Qc4
21	Rd3	Kd7
22	b3	Qa6
23	Rfd1	Rhe8
24	Qf3	Rac8
25	Rxd5+	Bxd5
26	Qxd5+	Ke7
27	Qd7+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White: Richard Bates
Black: Aaron Summerscale
British Championship, Nottingham, August 1996

Dutch Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	e6
4	e3	f5
5	g4	Nf6
6	gxf5	exf5
7	Nc3	Be6
8	Rg1	Nbd7
9	Ng5	Bg8
10	cxd5	Nxd5
11	Bd3	g6
12	h4	Qe7
13	h5	0-0-0
14	Nxd5	Bxd5
15	Qa4	Bh6
16	Nxh7	Rxh7
17	hxg6	Rg7
18	Qxa7	f4
19	Ke2	Be4
20	Bc4	Rxg6
21	Rxg6	Bxg6
22	Bd2	Bh5+
23	f3	fxe3
24	Ba5	Rf8
25	Ba6	Bxf3+
26	Kd3	Nb8
		White resigns

Foxtrot International

Scores after four rounds of the Veterans v Women Foxtrot International in London are as follows:
VETERANS: Portisch 3; Smyslov 2½; Hort, Spassky and Taimanov 1½
WOMEN: Cramling 3, Arakhamia 2½, Xie 2; Ioseliani 1½, Zsofia Polgar 1

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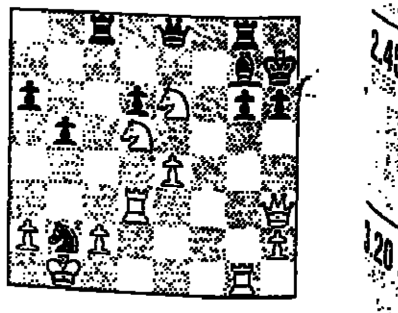
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Chevaldonnet — Blanc, Val Thorens 1977. White has a powerful attacking position on the kingside with two open files to work on and two excellent knights. How did he make the most of these trumps?

Solution on page 42



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225,339,135	£11,266,957	Ordinary shares of 5p each	158,136,422	£7,906,821

The Group's principal activities are to manage and operate hotel leisure facilities.

Copies of the Exempt Listing Document which has been published may be obtained during normal business hours up to and including 22 August 1996 from the Company Announcements Office (for collection only) at the London Stock Exchange, Capel Court entrance, off Bartholomew Lane, London EC2 and during normal office hours on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) up to and including 2 September 1996 from the Company's registered office, Planet House, Northumbrian Way, Killingworth, Tyne and Wear, NE12 0EH or from Wise Speke Limited, Commercial Union House, 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6RQ

This advertisement has been approved for the purposes of section 57 of the Financial Services Act 1986 by Wise Speke Limited, a member of The Securities and Futures Authority Limited.
21 August 1996

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity of James Cranstoun for The Royal Society of Arts
Scheme for the regulation of the Charity
Reference: BK-42690-CD(Ldn)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Bristows, Cooke & Carpmael, 10 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3BP (Ref: 313/T) or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Order of the Hermit Friars of St Augustine (Augustinian Order)
Scheme for the alteration of the objects of the Charity.
Reference: AS-233010/391165
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at Blount Petre Kramer, 29 Weymouth Street, London W1N 4LQ or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to The Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting the reference above.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
THE INSOLVENT PARTNERSHIPS ORDER 1994
NO. 408 OF 1995
IN THE MEDWAY COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
CONSOLIDATION OF
JOHN WILLIAM DEREK HARRISON
NO. 408 OF 1995
ANTHONY JOHN DEVLIN
NO. 67 OF 1996
JOHN WILLIAM DEREK HARRISON, Unemployed, of 79 Little High Street, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1DN, lately of The White House, Glenwood, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 4BY and ANTHONY JOHN DEVLIN, an Employee, of 15 Dunoon Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3TD, lately of 164 Lowden Road, Herne Hill, London, SE24, lately carrying on business as a partnership at 30 Bellegrove Road, Welling, Kent, as Coven & Co and at 244 Blackfen Road, Sidcup, Kent as Harrison Coven & Co and as Stevens and Co and at 139 Bellegrove Road, Welling, Kent as Savery, Stevens and Coven, a Solicitors.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Neville Richard Eckley of 232 Brighton Road, South Croydon CR2 6AJ, have been appointed by a meeting of creditors to act as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above named.
NOTE: All persons having in their possession any effects of the estate must deliver them to me and all debts due should be paid to me.
Creditors who have not informed me of their claim should do so immediately.
DATED: 16th August 1996
NEVILLE ECKLEY
Trustee

ACMA Marketing Ltd
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company which is being voluntarily wound up are required, on or before 8th October 1996, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Michael J C Oldham of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 13th August 1996
M J C OLDHAM, Liquidator

BRANDSIDE LIMITED
(IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Friday 23 August 1996, at 10.00 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge (unless attending in a personal capacity) a proxy using the form enclosed at P O Box 66, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT no later than 12 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting. Creditors intending to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account with their proxies. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a Creditor will not be entitled to vote unless a claim has been lodged and admitted for voting purposes. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, given particulars of their security and the assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By order of the Liquidator
M Fishman
Liquidator
Dated 14th August 1996

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
ALPHA DYE INTERMEDIATES LIMITED
(IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: Holdsworth House, 65 Staines Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.
Company Number: 2523750
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 12 August 1996 J R D Smith and N J Dargan were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company (compulsory winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference-NXM/PXB
J R D Smith
Deloitte & Touche
PO Box 810
Hill House
1 Little New Street
London EC4A 3TR

Floridan Group Limited
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
COMPANY NUMBER: 952967
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with s48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at The Witney Four Pillars Hotel, Ducklington Lane, Witney Oxon, OX8 7TJ on 22 August 1996 at 2.30 pm.
In accordance with rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor is entitled to vote only if:
a) Details of the debt claimed are submitted to the receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting, and
b) Where the creditor cannot attend in person, a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the receivers before the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Unsecured creditors may request a free copy of the administrative receivers' report to be sent to them.
Claims, proxies or requests should be sent to the administrative receivers at Deloitte & Touche at the address below.
Dated 9 August 1996
For and on behalf of Floridan Group Limited
A R Houghton and N J Dargan
Joint Administrative Receivers
Deloitte & Touche
PO Box 810
Hill House
1 Little New Street
London EC4A 3TR

LEGAL NOTICES

GLOBAL VARIATIONS LIMITED
AND
DATASONIX (EUROPE) LIMITED
(Both in Liquidation)
Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Act 1986
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of the above companies by a resolution of a meeting of the companies creditors held on 14th August 1996.
Dated this 14th day of August 1996
NIGEL JOHN HAMILTON-SMITH, Liquidator

ACMA Marketing Ltd
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Michael J C Oldham, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 13th August 1996.
DATED THIS 13TH AUGUST 1996
Michael J C Oldham
Liquidator

NEXTSTAGE SYSTEMS LIMITED
AND
TANGENT TECHNIQUES LIMITED
(Both in Liquidation)
Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Act 1986
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of the above companies by a resolution of a meeting of the companies by a resolution of a meeting of the companies creditors held on 13th August 1996.
NIGEL JOHN HAMILTON-SMITH, Liquidator

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION
PLEASE TELEPHONE
0171-782 7344
FAX: 0171-782 7827
Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

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RACING: FIVE-YEAR-OLD EARNS ROUSING RECEPTION AFTER DOUBLE FEAT

Halling plays to the crowd

By Julian Muscat

THE British Turf hailed a new emperor at York yesterday when Halling, a veteran with the limbs of youth, dominated the Juddmonte International Stakes in a manner rarely witnessed at championship level.

In dictating the pace from the start, Halling shattered the International race record by 1.54sec — the equivalent of around eight lengths — to land the event for the second consecutive year. Add to that his consecutive victories in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown and you have the consummate ten-furlong performer, now unbeaten in his last eight races on grass.

As much was evident from the reception accorded Halling and his effervescent jockey, Lanfranco Dettori. They do not salute wooden horses in Yorkshire and the gallery's enthusiasm matched anything it has celebrated over the last decade. Dettori, as is his wont, was to orchestrate the show with his now-trademark flying dismount.

It takes much to animate the sizeable Maktoum entourage. Halling had them smiling broadly during the race. Dettori intoxicated them with joy as he embraced first Sheikh Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, and then Sheikh Mohammed, the emirate's Crown Prince. The government should mothball a diplomatic role on its Middle Eastern desk for the day Dettori retires.

Dettori, recently returned from a fractured elbow, is at present on a winning streak. This was his second group one victory in 48 hours and he is genuinely a jockey who can make the difference. He dictated fractions which ensured his command from the front, yet which left plenty in reserve for the finishing kick. Just as the chasing pack closed up early in the home straight, Dettori gave Halling his head and the horse extended his lead to win by three lengths.

Typically, the jockey deflected all the praise towards his equine partner. "He relaxes, he's got a turn of foot, a combination of pace and stamina — he's just brilliant," Dettori said. "I didn't want to let him down until the end. I had a look one furlong from home and it was finished. This horse can go down to a mile or up to 12 furlongs. He is that versatile."

Twelve months ago, Halling beat a champion miler in Bahri; this year, he may have beaten another in First Island, himself so authoritative in the Sussex Stakes three weeks ago. Geoff Wragg, who trains First Island, simply said of his outclassed runner-up: "He ran his race but had no chance with the winner."

Halling's connections now have an important choice to make. The horse could round off his career in the ten-furlong Champion Stakes, which appears at his mercy. Alternatively, his sights could be raised to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and Breeders' Cup Turf, both over 12 furlongs.

Although that trip would undoubtedly stretch Halling's stamina, he may have the flair to pull it off. In that event, his entry into legend would be secure.

The equation may be influenced by Godolphin's standing in the race for the trainers' championship in Britain. Halling's triumph elevated the stable to the top of the pile, but Henry Cecil, the man usurped, responded immediately by saddling Dushyantor to land the Great Voltigeur Stakes.

Dushyantor fully merited his success after a turbulent season. His spirit survived a stormy passage in the Derby and an abortive mission for the Irish equivalent.

Dushyantor, too, is at the crossroads: connections must decide whether to aim him at the St Leger or to restrict him to 12 furlongs. Much depends, one suspects, on whether Dushyantor is for sale. For within the equine bloodbank, there is none so pure as his own.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Dettori signals his delight as Halling storms clear in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York yesterday

Count on Corradini to uphold excellent Knavesmire record

YORK

CHANNEL 4

2.05: **Swiss Coast**, who failed by less than a length to defy top weight in a Redcar nursery 12 days ago, is preferred to Head Girl. Lynda Ramsden's runner has been a model of consistency without getting his head in front, and this represents a drop in class. Head Girl has registered two decent efforts at Newcastle but may appreciate further. The progressive Mill End Girl and Petite Danseuse are others to consider.

2.35: While in France at the weekend, I received plenty of encouragement for **Shamadara** and she has the necessary form to win a competitive Yorkshire Oaks. Just pipped by Dance Design in the Irish Oaks (Key Change was two lengths away in third), she can gain compensation here. Key Change finished just ahead of Shemozzle in the Ribblesdale Stakes and the chances of John Oxx's filly would increase dramatically with rain. Papering recorded her best performance when runner-up to Last Second at Goodwood, while Sil Sila, the French Oaks winner, is another to consider.

3.10: The Barry Hills-Willie Carson combination took this race last year with Sanmartino and they are represented this time with Ambassador, who has been well supported. He did not look entirely happy running downhill at Goodwood last time and is better judged on his earlier successes at Pontefract (where he beat Lakeline Legend) and Doncaster.

Beauchamp Jade is a most progressive filly who is one for the short-list, along with Snow Princess and the well-drawn Better Offer. However, preference is for **Corradini**, who has shown a particular liking for the Knavesmire, having won here twice. His defeat of Celeric here in June reads well and he did even better last time when beating Prussian Blue and Further Flight. With Kieren Fallon booked to ride, the Henry Cecil runner looks value at around 14-1.

3.45: Easycall ran out an impressive winner of the Richmond Stakes, but the Goodwood race was a sub-standard affair and he faces a sterner test here, made no easier by a 5lb penalty for his group two success. David Loder's Abou Zouz has been pleasing at home and I expect Nigrasine to run a big race at decent odds, but Les Eyre's unbeaten runner may find **The West** a tough nut to crack. The Gone West colt justified a tall home reputation when obliging on his debut at Goodwood.

4.15: **Fahim** holds a Champion Stakes entry and deserves to be followed until beaten after winning the hard way at Goodwood last time. Despite not having the best of runs, he produced a sparkling turn of foot to land the spoils and the lightly-raced colt has scope for further improvement. Those looking for an each-way alternative may be tempted by Amrak Ajeeb, who ran creditably from a bad draw here in the Magnet Cup.

Richard Evans

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

RAPID RACELINE

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SPECIALISTS

AYR: Trainers: M Stoute, 6 winners from 25 runners, 32.0%. P Haslam, 5 from 17, 29.4%. J Gosden, 6 from 27, 22.2%. Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 93, 19.4%. Jockeys: J Tate, 5 winners from 22 rides, 22.7%. M Tebbutt, 4 from 19, 21.1%. D Moffatt, 7 from 55, 12.7%.

HEREFORD: Trainers: C Mann, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%. M Pipe, 31 from 97, 32.0%. C Brooks, 3 from 10, 30.0%. K Bailey, 13 from 67, 19.4%. Jockeys: T J Murphy, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%. C Llewellyn, 19 from 67, 28.4%. D Bridgwater, 24 from 103, 23.3%. A P McCoy, 14 from 60, 23.3%.

YORK

THUNDERER

2.05 Swiss Coast
2.35 Shamadara
3.10 *Snow Princess*
3.45 The West
4.15 **FAHIM** (nap)
4.45 Tipsy Creek
5.15 *Galine*

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 **SIL SILA**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 **RUSSIAN SNOWS** (nap). 3.10 Midnight Legend. 3.45 Abou Zouz.

GOING: GOOD — TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.05 ROUS SELLING STAKES

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(2-Y-O: £11,576: 6f) (21 runners)

101	(15)	651130	DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 17 (V,D,F) (Mrs L Olley) N Tinkler 8-11	R Cochrane	82
102	(10)	062	FEEL A LINE 16 (B) (J Gulfon) B Meehan 8-11	M J Kinane	90
103	(14)	06623	IMPERIAL OR METRIC 9 (Clayton Bigley Ltd) J Berry 8-11	J Murtagh	82
104	(6)	0	JUICY TING 36 (M Wickens) P Haslam 8-11	G Carter	—
105	(5)	0	MELLWOOD 18 (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-11	P Robinson	—
106	(2)		OCEAN BREEZE (D Dunbar) J Wainwright 8-11	D McKeown	—
107	(3)		SILVER BUTTON (Miss B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 8-11	M Birch	—
108	(12)	034	SUPERCHARMER 57 (Dewsprung Company Ltd) C Brittain 8-11	F Lynch (3)	79
109	(21)	25334	SWISS COAST 12 (B Hathaway) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11	K Fallon	90
110	(1)		SWYNFORD CHARMER (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) J Bottomley 8-11	J Lowe	—
111	(4)	0	THE DUBIOUS GOOSE 6 (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 8-11	Dale Gibson	—
112	(7)	63	AL AVA CONSONANT 22 (Dante Partnership) J Bethell 8-6	J Weaver	66
113	(18)	32	HEAD GIRL 14 (The Challengers) C Thornton 8-6	A Mackay	76
114	(9)	13551	HIT OR MISS 7 (F,S) (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 8-6	W Carson	80
115	(19)	033	IN GOOD NICK 6 (Mrs J Turpin) M W Easterby 8-6	L Dettori	77
116	(11)	10350	LAMORNA 8 (D,F) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 8-6	Pat Eddery	99
117	(20)	03145	LUNAR MUSIC 5 (F) (Mrs P Barratt) M Meade 8-6	R Havlin (5)	80
118	(8)	4511	MILL END GIRL 119 (F,G) (W Allgood) M W Easterby 8-6	G Parkin (5)	74
119	(13)	140603	PETITE DANSEUSE 14 (F,G) (Mrs A Upsdell) S Dow 8-6	J Reid	98
120	(16)	00	SCHISANDRA 9 (J Sheffield) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6	W J O'Connor	69
121	(17)	60626	VEERAPONG 25 (BF) (M Easterby) M W Easterby 8-6	J F Egan	70

BETTING: 5-1 Swiss Coast, 6-1 Lamorna, 7-1 Petite Danseuse, 8-1 Feel A Line, Imperial Or Metric, Al Ava Consonant, 10-1 Docklands Carriage, Mill End Girl, 12-1 others

1995: NO MONKEY NUTS 8-11 J Carroll (5-2 fav) J Berry 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 8l last of 7 to Perfect Bliss in Newcastle nursery (6f, good to firm). FEEL A LINE ½l 2nd of 7 to Alumisiyah in Brighton maiden (5f 59yd, firm). IMPERIAL OR METRIC 4l 3rd of 11 to Vagabond Chanteuse in Thirsk maiden (7f, good). SWISS COAST ¾l 4th of 6 to Ultra Boy in Redcar nursery (6f, firm). HEAD GIRL 1l 2nd of 4 to Mystic Circle in Newcastle maiden (6f, good to firm). HIT OR MISS beat Wedding Music neck in 6-runner Hamilton seller (5f, good to firm). IN GOOD NICK 2l 3rd of 12 to Rusty in Beverley claimer (5f, firm) with THE DUBIOUS GOOSE 9l 8th. LAMORNA 8½l 7th of 10 to Maid By The Fire in Bath nursery (5f 161yd, good). LUNAR MUSIC 5½l 5th of 9 to Bold African in Haydock nursery (5f, good to firm). MILL END GIRL beat C-Harry 1¼l in 10-runner Catterick seller (5f, good). PETITE DANSEUSE 6l 3rd of 5 to Spaniards Inn in Kempton nursery (6f, good to firm) with LUNAR MUSIC (9lb worse off) 1¾l 4th and HIT OR MISS (13lb worse off) further 5l last.

Selection: PETITE DANSEUSE

2.35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS

C4

(Group I: fillies: £78,816: 1m 3f 195yd) (9 runners)

201	(3)	22211-2	RUSSIAN SNOWS 188 (D,F,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-4	L Dettori	88
202	(1)	41-1123	KEY CHANGE 38 (D,G,S) (Lady Clague) J Oxx (Ire) 3-8-8	J Murtagh	92
203	(5)	2-01355	MEZZOGIORNO 18 (F) (Mrs R Philipps) G Wragg 3-8-8	M Hills	87
204	(6)	12-0312	PAPERING 18 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-8	K Darley	93
205	(2)	12	QUOTA 96 (BF,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-8	W Ryan	76
206	(8)	2112	SHAMADARA 38 (D,F,G) (HH Aga Khan) A de Royer Dupre (Fr) 3-8-8	G Mosse	95
207	(4)	1-32341	SHEMOZZLE 32 (D,F) (Lord Harrington) J Gosden 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	87
208	(9)	11-0321	SIL SILA 73 (G,S) (Turquoise Trading) B Smart 3-8-8	R Cochrane	99
209	(7)	21164	WHITEWATER AFFAIR 18 (F,G) (J Greetham) M Stoute 3-8-8	T Quinn	92

BETTING: 3-1 Sil Sila, 7-2 Russian Snows, Shamadara, 9-2 Key Change, 7-1 Shemozzle, 8-1 Papering, 12-1 Mezzogiorno, 16-1 others

1995: PURE GRAIN 3-8-8 J Reid (11-10 fav) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUSSIAN SNOWS beat Daraydalan 3l in 9-runner group II Prix de Royallieu at Longchamp (1m 4f 110yd, soft). PAPERING 2l 2nd of 8 to Last Second in group II Vodafone Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) with WHITEWATER AFFAIR 2¼l 4th and MEZZOGIORNO further ½l 5th. Previously MEZZOGIORNO beat QUOTA 3l in 5-runner listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). SHAMADARA short head 2nd of 6 to Dance Design in group I Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks (1m 4f, good to firm) with KEY CHANGE 2l 3rd. SHEMOZZLE beat Balalaika 2l in 5-runner listed race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). SIL SILA beat Miss Tahiti 1l in 12-runner group I Prix de Diane Hermes at Chantilly (1m 2f 110yd, good).

Selection: SHAMADARA

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 TOTE EBOR

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(Handicap: £94,745: 1m 5f 194yd) (22 runners)

301	(4)	421402	MIDNIGHT LEGEND 19 (D,F,G) (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 5-9-10	L Dettori	97
302	(7)	4-30405	NAKED WELCOME 32 (C,F,G) (Most Welcome P'nrs) M F-Godley 4-9-4	J Reid	90
303	(15)	310-212	PRUSSIAN BLUE 52 (D,F,S) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	90
304	(3)	22-0513	BETTER OFFER 19 (F) (Mrs W Sainer) G Harwood 4-9-0 (7ex)	M J Kinane	92
305	(13)	2-33411	CORRADINI 52 (CD,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-8-13	K Fallon	91
306	(14)	1111-12	SNOW PRINCESS 53 (F,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-6	R Hills	91
307	(18)	0-41141	BEAUCHAMP JADE 28 (F,G) (E Penser) H Candy 4-8-6 (4ex)	G Carter	97
308	(12)	2133-36	MONARCH 11 (F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-8-1	T Quinn	90
309	(21)	043-010	TOP CEES 17 (BF,F,G) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-1	D Harrison	94
310	(9)	240-001	TIME FOR ACTION 13 (F,G) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 4-7-13 (7ex)	Dale Gibson	98
311	(20)	60-0023	MY LEARNED FRIEND 40 (F,G) (Mrs J Roberts) A Hide 5-7-12	A McGlone	93
312	(19)	156040	REMAADI SUN 17 (C,F) (T Barker) M Usher 4-7-12	R Street	92
313	(2)	4-23201	CLERKENWELL 47 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-7-10	F Lynch (3)	95
314	(8)	546110	AMBASSADOR 21 (F) (M Al-Maktoum) B Hills 3-7-10	W Carson	90
315	(22)	44-113	HARBOUR DUES 62 (BF,F,S) (Hesmonds Stud) Lady Herries 3-7-10	J Quinn	94
316	(6)	61345-0	FOUNDRY LANE 53 (D,F,S) (A Sharratt) Mrs M Reveley 5-7-10	L Charnock	90
317	(5)	020-400	DREAMS END 20J (D,G,S) (T Price) P Bowen 8-7-10	A Mackay	89
318	(17)	3630-00	SHADOW LEADER 32 (S) (J Blackshaw) C Egerton 5-7-10	M Henry (3)	89
319	(1)	111112	DESERT FROLIC 28 (F,S) (M Al-Maktoum) M Johnston 3-7-10	T Williams	95
320	(16)	3-02103	LAKELINE LEGEND 21 (F) (J Sung) M Janvis 3-7-10	F Norton	91
321	(10)	060040	BENFLEET 7 (G,S) (C Donovan) R Armstrong 5-7-10	N Carlisle	84
322	(11)	331000	MALE-ANA-MOU 22 (F) (Oh So Bright Syndicate) D Elsworth 3-7-10	G Bardwell	99

Long handicap: Clerkenwell 7-9, Ambassador 7-9, Harbour Dues 7-8, Foundry Lane 7-7, Dreams End 7-6, Shadow Leader 7-6, Desert Frolic 7-5, Lakeline Legend 7-5, Benfleet 7-2, Male-Ana-Mou 7-1

BETTING: 5-1 Harbour Dues, 8-1 Beauchamp Jade, 9-1 Ambassador, 10-1 Snow Princess, 12-1 Better Offer, Corradini, Clerkenwell, Foundry Lane, 14-1 Desert Frolic, 16-1 others

1995: SANMARTINO 3-7-11 W Carson (8-1) B Hills 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

MIDNIGHT LEGEND 1¼l 2nd to Salmon Ladder in Goodwood handicap (1m 4f, good to firm) with BETTER OFFER (4lb worse) ¾l 3rd. NAKED WELCOME 7½l 5th to Wall Street in Newbury listed race (1m 2f, good to firm). SNOW PRINCESS ¾l 2nd to Celeric in Newcastle handicap (2m, firm) with FOUNDRY LANE (1lb better) 5½l 7th and REMAADI SUN (1lb worse) further 38½l last. BEAUCHAMP JADE beat DESERT FROLIC (1lb worse) ½l in Leicester handicap (1m 4f, good). TOP CEES 20l 7th to Sea Victor in Chester handicap (2m 2f, good to firm) with REMAADI SUN 9l 8th. AMBASSADOR beat Arctid 1¼l in Doncaster handicap (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. HARBOUR DUES 2½l 3rd to Samraan in Royal Ascot handicap (1m 4f, good to firm) with MALE-ANA-MOU (2lb worse) 5¼l 9th.

Selection: BEAUCHAMP JADE (nap)

3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK STAKES

C4

(Group II: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £65,832: 6f) (9 runners)

401	(2)	111	EASYCALL 20 (D,F,G) (Easycall Partnership) B Meehan 9-2	M J Kinane	99
402	(7)	12	ABOU ZOUZ 88 (BF,F) (W Said) D Loder 8-11	L Dettori	85
403	(9)	121	COMPTON PLACE 20 (D,F) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 8-11	S Sanders	92
404	(8)	31106	FOR YOUR EYES ONLY 18 (D,F,G) (R Griffin) T Easterby 8-11	Pat Eddery	87
405	(3)	1140	HULA PRINCE 42 (F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	95
406	(1)	11	NIGRASINE 51 (D,F) (M Gleason) J Eyre 8-11	D McKeown	95
407	(4)	1114	PROUD NATIVE 20 (CD,F,G) (L Fust) A Jarvis 8-11	W J O'Connor	95
408	(6)	50	SELECT CHOICE 21 (Select 96 Partnership) A Jarvis 8-11	K Darley	85
409	(5)	1	THE WEST 18 (D,F) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	87

BETTING: 9-4 Easycall, 4-1 The West, 9-2 Proud Native, 6-1 Hula Prince, 7-1 Compton Place, 8-1 Nigrasine, 10-1 For Your Eyes Only, 12-1 others

1995: ROYAL APPLAUSE 9-0 W R Swinburn (4-6 fav) B Hills 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

EASYCALL beat Raphane 3l in Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) with PROUD NATIVE (5lb better) 4½l 4th. ABOU ZOUZ 2½l 2nd to Statesman in Kempton conditions race (6f, good to soft). COMPTON PLACE beat Dalmeny Dancer 2l in Salisbury conditions race (6f, good to firm). HULA PRINCE 5l 7th to Rich Ground in July Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good). THE WEST beat Elegant Warning 1½l in Goodwood maiden (6f, good).

Selection: EASYCALL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	6	9	66.7	L Dettori	39	172	22.7
G Lewis	5	16	31.3	M J Kinane	15	69	21.7
R Charlton	12	41	29.3	Pat Eddery	41	210	19.5
H Cecil	27	98	27.6	W Carson	36	213	16.9
J Gosden	26	108	24.1	W Ryan	17	102	16.7

4.15 MOTABILITY RATED HANDICAP

C4

(£14,207: 1m 2f 85yd) (16 runners)

501	(7)	056302	HOH EXPRESS 25 (G) (D Allport) I Balding 4-9-7	M Hills	95
502	(13)	1-02001	MOVING ARROW 33 (C,D,F,G) (G Westgarth) Miss S Hall 5-9-5	M J Kinane	95
503	(2)	411-0	WOOD MAGIC 137 (BF,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 3-9-4	L Dettori	88
504	(8)	0413-43	STAR OF ZILZAL 17 (F,G) (Mana Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-4	K Fallon	90
505	(3)	45-0235	CLAN BEN 25 (BF,F,S) (Angus Dundee Plc) H Cecil 4-9-4	Pat Eddery	95
506	(4)	0-111	FAHIM 19 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-2	W Carson	94
507	(1)	612050	AMRAK AJEEB 39 (D,F,G,S) (A Merza) B Hanbury 4-9-0	M Rimmer	92
508	(9)	21-565	TAWKIL 73 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 3-8-12	R Hills	89
509	(5)	44230-0	VINDALOO 6 (D,F,G,S) (J David Abell) J L Harris 4-8-11	J Weaver	87
510	(6)	222060	BILLY BUSHWACKER 11 (F,G,S) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-11	R Cochrane	98
511	(14)	140120	AL SHAFA 21 (F,G) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 3-8-11	K Darley	97
512	(16)	53-1106	DANCE SO SUITE 22 (D,F,G,S) (J Gullon) P Cole 4-8-10	T Quinn	94
513	(10)	460611	GRAND SELECTION 22 (D,F,G) (M Hawkin) M Bell 4-8-10	M Fenton	99
514	(12)	260510	HAZARD A GUESS 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Consultco Ltd) D Nicholls 6-8-7	Alex Greaves	96
515	(11)	241004	THE DILETTANTI 19 (G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 3-8-3	S Sanders	94
516	(15)	05201	DASIDA 48 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed Obaid) C Brittain 3-8-1	F Lynch (3)	94

BETTING: 5-2 Fahim, 6-1 Clan Ben, 10-1 Al Shafa, Grand Selection, 14-1 Hoh Express, Moving Arrow, Star Of Zilzal, Wood Magic, Hazard A Guess, The Dilettanti, 16-1 others

1995: MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 3-8-4 M J Kinane (7-2 fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOH EXPRESS 1¼l 2nd to Behaviour in Ascot handicap (1m 2f, good to firm) with CLAN BEN (5lb better off) 3¾l 5th and BILLY BUSHWACKER (7lb better off) head 6th. MOVING ARROW beat Komreyev Dancer 1l in Newmarket handicap (1m 2f, good to firm). FAHIM beat Murheb ¾l in Goodwood handicap (1m 2f, good to firm) with THE DILETTANTI (5lb better off) 1¾l 4th. GRAND SELECTION beat Silver Groom neck in Goodwood handicap (1m 2f, good to firm) with DANCE SO SUITE (8lb better off) 7l 6th. HAZARD A GUESS 11l 8th to Fairywings in Beverley handicap (1m 2f, firm) with VINDALOO further 2l 9th.

Selection: FAHIM

4.45 ROSES STAKES

(Listed race: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £12,110: 5f) (5 runners)

601	(1)	116	TIPSY CREEK 19 (D,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-5	W Carson	98
602	(2)	011	BIG BEN 11 (D,F) (Mrs S Davis) R Hannon 8-11	R Perham	90
603	(4)	442101	FREDRIK THE FIERCE 20 (D,F) (C Deuters) J Berry 8-11	K Darley	99
604	(3)	41	JANIB 18 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	78
605	(5)	46154	RUDI'S PET 20 (D,G) (Broadgate Partnership) R Hannon 8-11	L Dettori	88

BETTING: 6-4 Tipsy Creek, 5-2 Fredrik The Fierce, 4-1 Janib, 5-1 Big Ben, 7-1 Rudi's Pet

1995: MUBHIJ 8-11 W Carson (11-10 fav) B Hills 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

TIPSY CREEK, winner of Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, 8¼l 6th of 7 to Easycall in group III Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). BIG BEN beat Inflation 3½l in 7-runner conditions race at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). FREDRIK THE FIERCE beat Tear White 1l in 11-runner nursery at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with RUDI'S PET (1lb worse off) 4¼l 4th. JANIB beat Fruitana 2l in 9-runner maiden at Thirsk (5f, firm).

Selection: FREDRIK THE FIERCE

5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £12,038: 5f) (20 runners)

1	(7)	11-0340	BLUE IRIS 10 (D,F,G) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 9-7	P Robinson	89
2	(17)	130640	DASHING BLUE 18 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 9-6	L Dettori	93
3	(20)	24-3010	KUNUCU 60 (D,F,G) (P Savill) T Barron 9-5	M J Kinane	88
4	(13)	3363-11	FOND EMBRACE 107 (D,F,S) (Comm G Marten) H Candy 9-5	G Carter	85
5	(5)	4143-11	MIDNIGHT ESCAPE 60 (D,F,G) (M Ayers) C Wall 9-4	N Carlisle	90
6	(3)	2-63323	SLAYJAY 16 (D,F) (R O'Toole) J Hayden (Ire) 9-2	W Supple	91
7	(6)	241542	GALINE 28 (D,F,G) (S Fustok) W O Gorman 8-13	Emma O'Gorman	99
8	(6)	102534	RUSHCUTTER BAY 11 (V,D,F,G) (Treasure Seekers) T Clement 8-12	G Faulkner (7)	98
9	(16)	11111-6	LUNAR MIST 7 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Barratt) M Meade 8-11	R Havlin (5)	93
10	(14)	320100	PRIDE OF BRIXTON 81 (D,G) (Voice Group Ltd) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	92
11	(10)	1-24500	NORWEGIAN BLUE 18 (V,S) (A Tombull) A Jarvis 8-10	W J O'Connor	91
12	(11)	200230	SPLICING 16 (D,G) (T Hirschfeld) W Haggas 8-6	M Hills	96
13	(2)	020000	SWYNFORD DREAM 25 (D,F,G) (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) J Bottomley 8-4	J Lowe	98
14	(18)	1-1	ZALOTTI 13 (D,F) (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 8-4	K Darley	95
15	(15)	522111	CLAN CHIEF 19 (D,F) (P Lowe) J Arnold 8-1	M Henry (3)	93
16	(1)	1-66	SPLINTER 17 (D,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-1	S Sanders	89
17	(9)	113146	U-NO-HARRY 9 (D,F) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 7-11	F Lynch (3)	93
18	(4)	003121	LITERARY SOCIETY 9 (D,F,G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 7-11 (7ex)	J Quinn	93
19	(19)	140643	CHEMCAST 13 (B,D,F,G) (B Cassidy) D Nicholls 7-10	L Charnock	85
20	(12)	444124	MINDRACE 8 (D,BF,F) (D Abbott) K Ivory 7-10	Martin Dwyer (5)	92

Long handicap: Chemcast 7-6, Mindrace 7-6

BETTING: 6-1 Midnight Escape, 7-1 Blue Iris, Clan Chief, 8-1 Fond Embrace, 10-1 Zalotti, 10-1 Kunucu, 12-1 Galine, 14-1 others

1995: FAIRY WIND 8-5 M J Kinane (13-2) N Callaghan 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE IRIS 8l 7th of 8 to Daring Destiny in group III at Leopardstown (6f, good to yielding). DASHING BLUE 13l 25th of 30 to Coastal Bluff in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) with NORWEGIAN BLUE (12lb worse off) further 2l 28th. FOND EMBRACE beat Major Quality 1½l in 7-runner conditions race at Haydock (5f, good to soft). MIDNIGHT ESCAPE beat Sylva Paradise head in 14-runner handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm) with RUSHCUTTER BAY (2lb better off) 5l 7th and KUNUCU (4lb better off) further 7l 12th. GALINE neck 2nd of 6 to Sea-Deer in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). ZALOTTI beat NO MONKEY NUTS 1¼l in 7-runner claimer at Pontefract (5f, good to firm) with CHEMCAST (13lb better off) 3¾l 3rd.

Selection: GALINE

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THUNDERER

2.15 Silca Key Silca. 2.45 *Cutthroat Kid*. 3.20 *Stormless*. 3.55 Silca's My Key. 4.25 Mezzanotte. 4.55 Magic Lake.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND KIRKOSWALD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,404: 6f) (4 runners)

1	2	GILDING THE LILY 21 M Johnston 8-11	J Carroll 1
2	0	KALIMAT 18 W Jarvis 8-11	M Tebbutt 4
3	35	SILCA KEY SILCA 23 M Channon 8-11	R Hughes 3
4		THAHABYAH H Thomson Jones 8-11	J Fortune 2

7-4 Silca Key Silca, 9-4 Gilding The Lily, 5-2 Thahabyah, 7-2 Kalimat.

2.45 FAILFORD SELLING STAKES

(£2,556: 1m 5f 13yd) (5)

1	6220	LATVIAN 14 (D,F,G) R Allan 9-9-10	A Culhane 2
2	3240	CUTTHROAT KID 11 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-5	J Fortune 1
3	5036	TRUMPED 13 P Monteith 4-9-0	J Bramhill (7) 5
4	0-30	WARWICK MIST 18 B Mactaggart 4-9-0	G Lee (5) 4
5	0000	WELCOME BRIEF 28 E Alston 3-8-3	S Drowne 3

4-5 Cutthroat Kid, 6-4 Latvian, 8-1 Trumped, 16-1 Warwick Mist, Welcome Brief

3.20 AUCHENCRUIVE HANDICAP

(£3,675: 1m 2f) (10)

1	6250	DAREGOLD 32 (V,D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-10-0	R Hughes 5
2	0323	FIELD OF VISION 7 (F,G,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-7	J Fortune 2
3	8526	NOSE NO BOUNDS 16 (V,G) M Johnston 3-9-2	J Carroll 3
4	-020	SADLER'S REALM 90 (BF) M Stoute 3-9-1	N Connorton 8
5	2633	NEW ALBION 17 (D,F) Mrs L Green 5-8-8	J Fanning 9
6	0050	DUO MASTER 11 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-4	A Culhane 10
7	0000	NIZAAL 13 (G,S) R Allan 5-8-0	N Kennedy 4
8	3616	ORDAINED 4 (D,F) E Alston 3-7-12	S Drowne 1
9	4212	STORMLESS 13 (CD,F) P Monteith 5-7-12	J Bramhill (7) 6
10	4066	SWANDALE FLYER 5 N Bycroft 4-7-10	D Wright (3) 7

3-1 Sadler's Realm, 4-1 Field Of Vision, 9-2 Nose No Bounds, 6-1 others

3.55 MINISHANT NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £3,095: 1m) (7)

1	3401	BEN'S RIDGE 12 (G) P Haslam 9-7	J Fortune 7
2	0032	OUR FUTURE 14 M Johnston 9-1	J Carroll 1
3	366	GENERAL'S STAR 34 M Stoute 8-13	N Connorton 3
4	1202	SILCA'S MY KEY 12 (F) M Channon 8-12	R Hughes 4
5	1043	RUN LUCY RUN 14 (G) R Guest 8-5	D Wright (3) 5
6	0035	CAJUN SUNSET 14 T Easterby 8-1	J Fanning 6
7	0246	APICULATE 28 W Kemp 7-10	J Bramhill (7) 2

3-1 Silca's My Key, 7-2 General's Star, 4-1 Our Future, 5-1 Ben's Ridge, Run Lucy Run, 8-1 Cajun Sunset, 20-1 Apiculate

4.25 ARRAN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,827: 7f) (4)

1	2435	DOMAK AMAAM 26 J Gosden 9-0	J Carroll 3
2	063	MEZZANOTTE 43 (BF) L Cumani 9-0	J Fortune 1
3	5304	ROUSHAN 86 S Williams 9-0	J Tate 2
4		SORARA D Moffatt 8-9	Darren Moffatt (3) 4

Evens Mezzanotte, 9-4 Roushan, 11-4 Domak Amaam, 12-1 Sorara

4.55 AYR SUMMER HANDICAP (£2,965: 7f) (7)

1	5425	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 17 (D,F,G,S) J Watts 8-10-0	J Fortune 6
2	0440	SUPERPRIDE 20 (C,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2	A Culhane 2
3	0141	BALLARD LADY 11 (C,D,G,S) J S Wainwright 4-8-6	J Bramhill (7) 3
4	2043	MISS PIGALLE 15 (B,D,F) Miss L Perratt 5-8-4	J Carroll 7
5	3232	PATHAZE 7 (C,F) N Bycroft 3-8-4	J Fanning 1
6	0410	MAGIC LAKE 23 (CD,BF,F) E Alston 3-8-1	S Drowne 5
7	2301	ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 2 (F,S) R McKellar 4-8-0	K Sked (7) 4

5-2 Sagebrush Roller, 7-2 Another Nightmare, 4-1 Ballard Lady, 5-1 others

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

5.40 China Mail. 6.10 Manamour. 6.40 Glengarrif Girl. 7.10 Chancey Fella. *7.40 Mutual Agreement.* 8.10 Red Tel.

GOING: FIRM — SIS

5.40 MUCH MARCLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,570: 2m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)

1	0600	BATTY'S ISLAND 4 (B,F,G,S) B Preece 7-11-10	D Finnegan (3)
2	1	LORD TOMANICO 11 (S) C Mann 4-11-10	J Magee
3	04-2	CHINA MAIL 11 K Bailey 4-11-8	T J Murphy
4	550-	SUKAAB 209 (C,F) B Ryall 11-11-1	T Dascombe
5	U54-	SLIPPERY MAX 288 (F,G) R Juckes 12-10-7	R Massey
6	0-34	KING OF BABYLON 21 F Jordan 4-10-3	L Aspell

5-4 Lord Tomanico, 7-4 China Mail, 7-1 King Of Babylon, 8-1 others.

6.10 MALVERN LINK HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,186: 2m 3f) (3)

1	6012	DRUMSTICK 11 (C,F,G,S) K Bailey 10-11-13	J Railton
2	6512	MANAMOUR 6 (CD,BF,F) R Lee 9-10-13	C Llewellyn
3	3131	MAGGOTS GREEN 8 (CD,F,G) J Bradley 9-10-13	R Johnson

6-4 Drumstick, 7-4 Maggots Green, 9-4 Manamour

6.40 HENDRE HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,822: 3m 2f) (4)

1	11-2	GLENGARRIF GIRL 20 (V,D,F) M Pipe 6-12-0	D Bridgwater
2	3131	WYNBERG 4 (F) T Forster 5-11-8 (7ex)	S Wynne
3	400-	STORM DRUM 102 (B,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-1	T J Murphy
4	240-	FOX CHAPEL 105 (C,G,S) R Juckes 9-10-7	M A Fitzgerald

1-2 Glengarrif Girl, 3-1 Wynberg, 8-1 Storm Drum, 12-1 Fox Chapel

7.10 WORMBRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,276: 2m 1f) (4)

SKY

1	5-31	CHANCEY FELLA 20 (F) H Haynes 5-11-5	A P McCoy
2	50	GALLOPING GUNS 4 B Llewellyn 4-10-9	B Powell
3	0	LITTLE DERRING 60 Mrs S Johnson 5-10-7	R Johnson
4	00	PATS FOLLY 42 F Yardley 5-10-7	P McLoughlin

1-3 Chancey Fella, 5-1 Pats Folly, 8-1 Galloping Guns, 10-1 Little Derring

7.40 ACONBURY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,840: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

SKY

1	43-3	DUKE OF LANCASTER 16 (V) Mrs J Pitman 7-12-0	R Bellamy
2	4-52	CUCHULLAINS GOLD 39 (F,G) J White 8-11-9	N Williamson
3	126-	MUTUAL AGREEMENT 101P (S) P Nicholls 9-11-2	A P McCoy
4	4-50	MISS DOTTY 62 M Pipe 6-10-7	D Bridgwater
5	0U5F	SPANISH BLAZE 8 Mrs M Jones 8-10-5	J F Titley
6	/0-6	CARDAN 12 A Hobbs 10-10-5	B Powell

7-4 Cuchullains Gold, 3-1 Duke Of Lancaster, Mutual Agreement, 6-1 Miss Dotty, 14-1 Spanish Blaze, 25-1 Cardan.

8.10 BORDER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,315: 2m 1f) (14)

SKY

1	5	LATE ENCOUNTER 16 B Llewellyn 5-11-4	R Johnson
2	60	MORECEVA 20 P Farrell 6-11-4	W Marston
3	3	PRIDEWOOD FUGGLE 34 R Price 6-11-4	A Maguire
4	R	RARE SPREAD 53 (BF) M Pipe 6-11-4	D Walsh (3)
5	0-	SIERRA NEVADA 145 P Nicholls 5-11-4	A P McCoy
6	0	COMMANDO DANCER 34 Graeme Roe 4-11-1	Shaun Graham (7)
7	0	OVERSEAS INVADER 42 P Eccles 4-11-1	N Williamson
8	3	POWERFUL SPIRIT 42 J O'Shea 4-11-1	Michael Brennan (5)
9	2	RED TEL 16 M Pipe 4-11-1	D Bridgwater
10		TAILORMADE FUTURE 8 Preece 4-11-1	D Finnegan (7)
11		ABBEYDORAN Mrs J Hawkins 5-10-13	M Bosley
12		EMMA'S JEWEL H Kavanagh 5-10-13	T C Murphy (7)
13	03	KATHARINE'S SONG 16 D Hyde 5-10-13	B Powell
14	0-	FRIZZBALL 179 C Brooks 4-10-10	D Gallagher

2-1 Red Tel, 7-2 Powerful Spirit, 4-1 Pridewood Fuggle, 6-1 Rare Spread, 7-1 Katharine's Song, 10-1 Commando Dancer, 12-1 others

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10/1	Clerkenwell	25/1	Time For Action
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8/1	Ambassador	20/1	Monarch
9/1	Clerkenwell	25/1	Male-Ana-Mou
10/1	Snow Princess	25/1	Naked Welcome
12/1	Corradini	25/1	Time For Action
14/1	Better Offer	33/1	My Learned Friend
14/1	Foundry Lane	33/1	Remaadi Sun
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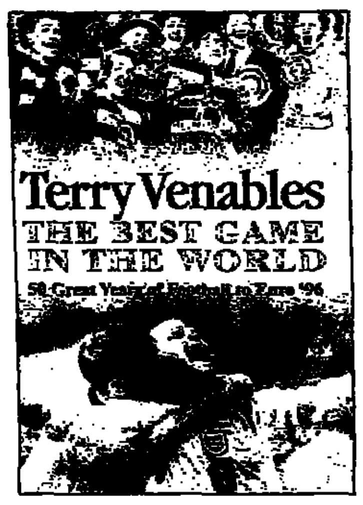
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Our immediate reward for thrashing Holland was that it enabled us to play our quarter-final game at Wembley, where the fantastic support we were getting from crowds of over 76,000 was becoming such a valuable asset. As winners of Group A, we met the runners-up in Group B, who turned out to be Spain, another team I knew a lot about. They were a good side who were unbeaten in 20 matches before they met us. They hadn't lost since the quarter-finals of the 1994 World Cup, where they could have beaten Italy.

They could have beaten us, too, and people say they thought we had a bit of luck in an incredibly tense match. The fact is, though, that we allowed them only two real scoring chances in the whole of the 120 minutes the game was played. We were all right once we got to grips with Sergi's runs down the left-hand side by changing our tactics at half-time. We were the better side in the second half and during extra-time, I thought. Not by a great margin, but enough to have deserved our win.

What threw us out of our stride against Spain was the surprising decision by their coach, Javier Clemente, to alter his defensive system. They had always used a back four before, so I played Teddy [Sheringham] up there with Shearer. But this time they used a back three, with Sergi breaking forward from left back. I could not believe it, because Clemente, whose tactics I know well from my days at Barcelona and from countless videos of Spain's matches, only ever tinkers with his midfield and front players.

Teddy should have responded to the switch by staying on the right side of the centre half, but he came out to try to help us defend. He was dropping back because we were being outnumbered. Sometimes, as a player, you can't work out what the problem is. All you know is that it's uncomfortable, and the best thing is to get behind the ball and start again. Otherwise, you could lose a goal, and that's even more uncomfortable.

The trouble was, Teddy was going all the way back, which left Anderton narrow and Shearer isolated. McManaman also came back, which meant Gary Neville was pushed in and we were defending with four against two, which was one too many. In the end, Spain only gave us problems tactically for a 25-minute spell and Sergi didn't actually do us any damage.

As I said to the players at half-time: "If you do the right things, he won't hurt us. If you keep him wide, he is only going to get in a cross; and I'll back us on crosses." So I gave them a licence not to worry about failing. I also pushed Gary Neville on Sergi, told Teddy to get back upfield again and put McManaman in the "hole", where he plays for his club. I just told Steve to do what he does for Liverpool, and asked the other players to get the ball to him quicker.

That's not the whole story, to be honest. Originally, I was planning to lay a type of trap. It would have involved Gary Neville playing alongside the centre half when the ball was in Spain's back third in case they attacked with a long forward pass. But, as the ball was coming forward, Gary would start going out wide and McManaman would have to come back only two-thirds of the field. Steve would then pass Sergi over to Neville and be in position to receive the ball when we got it.

If we had stuck it into him quickly, there was no one in their side who could have picked him up until he had run the length of the field and around their backs. However, the players didn't look as though they were too sure what I meant. So when Don Howe suggested we should just push Neville in on Sergi, that's what we did. It was a better solution than mine because it was just as effective and simpler.

The match wasn't supposed to go the full 120 minutes because Uefa had had the bright idea of introducing sudden-death extra time for this tournament. But instead of encouraging us and Spain to go for the "golden goal" that would have ended the contest there and then, the first experience of the new system had an inhibiting effect and made both of us more cagey than we would normally have been in the extra period of play. I was happy before extra time started. I said to the players: "Keep that steely edge, that belief we are going to win it. Don't succumb to tiredness and just make sure we are doing the same things as before, because now we are the better side." That's all. I kept it simple. I don't believe in long speeches, especially at moments like that when they are not really listening.

Nevertheless, worrying more about giving a goal away than scoring one was a pattern that was to be repeated in other matches before we and Germany finally threw caution to the wind in our semi-final. So, eventually, we and Spain were forced to settle the contest with the dreaded penalty shoot-out.

Much as I dislike penalties as a way of deciding matches, I have to admit they can lend a touch of drama to the occasion. That was particularly true when Stuart Pearce stepped up to take the third of our five spot kicks. Because Alan Shearer and David Platt had tucked away their penalties expertly and Fernando Hierro had hit the bar with the first of Spain's, we were leading 2-1. Therefore, it was vital Stuart did not miss if we were to keep our noses in front. But it was even more vital from his own point of view, because he had been carrying for six years the agony of his damaging miss in the penalty shoot-out that decided the 1990 World Cup semi-final in West Germany's favour.

In fact, it was unbelievably brave of him to volunteer to take one of the kicks in the first place. No one could blame him, then, for reacting with clenched fists, wild eyes and roaring mouth when his penalty found the net. I've never seen a reaction like that from a penalty-taker before. I've seen celebration, but that was sheer, bloody relief. All the pain from 1990 came off him and out of him, and I was so thrilled for him. It was really marvellous to watch, and I still laugh when I see that picture now. He's such a competitive bastard.

With Gazza scoring from our fourth penalty, we won the shoot-out 4-2 when Seaman dived to his left to save Spain's fourth kick, taken by poor Miguel Angel Nadal, a good player who deserved a better fate. Together with his penalty save from Scotland's McAllister and the exceptional saves he made in open play from Switzerland's Grassi, Scotland's Durie and Holland's Bergkamp, Seaman's heroics against Spain established him without doubt as the best goalkeeper in the tournament. It was quite an achievement considering Denmark's Peter Schmeichel and Portugal's Vitor Baia were regarded as being in contention for the title of best goalkeeper in the world at the start of Euro 96. But I don't want to start saddling David with the burden of that title. It wouldn't be fair.

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Beating Spain meant we would meet Germany in the semi-finals, again at Wembley. So, it was very nearly 1966 all over again. Nearly, but not quite. This time, the result went Germany's way in a penalty shoot-out. It was a terrible way to go out, and one we didn't deserve. We made more of the scoring chances after Shearer had put us ahead in the third minute and Stefan Kuntz had equalised 13 minutes later, but the ball just wouldn't go in the net. In fact, we had more chances against the Germans than I've ever seen any team have.

We hit a post, we just missed the goal, we did everything but score. It wasn't a question of great saves by their goalkeeper or anything. We actually got past them and should have won it. Our only consolation was that Shearer's goal, his fifth of the tournament, made him the leading scorer of Euro 96. That wasn't bad going for an international striker who had not scored for two years before we played Switzerland on June 8. But, as he and I kept telling everybody, there was no need to panic, the goals would come.

Natural goalscorers like Alan just don't lose the knack. Fortunately, too, he was strong enough mentally to deal with his long barren period without losing confidence in himself. In the end, he proved himself a world-class striker.

It was a great team performance against Germany and one that we had prepared for well. They had a good 20 minutes in the first half of normal time, but I don't think Matthias Sammer, their influential sweeper, was much of an influence on that game. Our problem was that we didn't know how to hold on to our lead for 20 minutes. I think we were a bit shocked at scoring so early, went back into our "the last thing you learn" syndrome and let them back into the game.

We had collapsed after Brazil equalised against us in the Umbro Cup, so what pleased me was that the players then went back on to the front foot and got it right for the rest of the first half. That encouraged them to believe they could win it. We were outstanding in the second half, I thought, and perhaps even better in extra time.

We decided to go for it in the extra period, which no one else had really done up to then. When I was talking to the players just before the game, I had said: "Let's be positive. Let's try to get this game won." That's all I said. If you start saying: "Let's go for it", you'll get everyone going forward and that's just what the Germans want, because they like to suck you in and then hit you on the break. But it was always in the back of my mind to have a go at them. In the end, I thought to myself: "If we can finish this off, so much the better."

Sadly, it wasn't to be. Darren Anderton hit a post when he seemed certain to score the first "golden goal" of the tournament, but I wouldn't blame him for that. Anderton is underestimated, in my opinion. He can play just about anywhere in the team and do an excellent all-round job for you. Although people say he didn't quite hit the heights in the tournament that they thought he might, we got a pint of milk out of a half-pint bottle there.

He'd been out for seven months because of injury, but I knew he knew what I wanted. He's intelligent and I knew he would last the distance. Another two weeks and he would have been right back at his best. In his last game, against Germany, I thought he was terrific. He was just coming right. He needed the time and the games. I took a gamble on him, but I didn't see it as one. I just think he's so naturally fit, he doesn't have to train. There are certain players you only have to talk to, and they'll do it for you. Now I'm looking forward to seeing a great Darren Anderton in the future.

People kept suggesting I have favourites, but you must go with your real feelings about players. You have to decide whether they are good enough or not, regardless of what others say. I believed in Shearer, Sheringham and Gazza when other people were questioning their ability, and I'm happy to think they proved me right. I don't think there was anything to prove with Anderton. Up to Euro 96, he scored five goals in 12 games; that, for a wide player, is outstanding. That kind of record doesn't need any confirmation from me. I didn't see it as showing loyalty to those players. So far as I was concerned, it was simply a question of believing they were the best-equipped candidates for their positions and for the type of football I wanted to play, and sticking to it.

So it was back to the penalty shoot-out, this time without a happy ending. Since even the first ten penalties couldn't separate us, all of them ending up in the net, it had to go to sudden death again. Gareth Southgate had bravely volunteered to take our sixth penalty, but he failed to beat the German goalkeeper, Andreas Köpke, who had dived the right way. All that was needed then to complete Southgate's misery, and put us out of the competition, was for Andy Möller to score from the Germans' sixth penalty, which he duly did.

Gareth was distraught and no amount of consoling from Stuart Pearce, Tony Adams and, admirably, Jürgen Klinsmann, could alleviate his distress. I think he felt a bit better when we all opted to go back to our hotel at Burnham Beeches instead of going home, had a few drinks and talked long into the night.

The wiseacres, of course, were soon saying I was wrong to let Southgate take the sixth penalty. They argued that I should have insisted on a recognised marksman like Ince, Anderton or McManaman going before him. But I'm not going to get into all that. So far as I'm concerned, it's a much better arrangement to have someone volunteering to take a penalty than to force another player to do it. Not only that, but I do not intend to embarrass any of the players by revealing who was willing to take a penalty and who was not. In any case, the further you go down a list of penalty-takers, the more likely it is there will be a miss. But we ought not to be subjecting people to this kind of pressure. Penalties put too much strain on the one player. It could ruin his career if he's not a strong character. I don't think it will in Gareth's case, but if you feel for the rest of your life everyone could have had a winners' medal but for you, it's a hard thing to get over.

When I was angry with the press at the start of Euro 96, I said to them: "Well, now you are giving them so much stick and have treated them so shabbily, they are out there to be judged on what they do. They are not just writing about it." Maybe, in my anger, I didn't express myself as clearly as I might have done. What I meant to say was: "Hold on a minute. Don't make yourselves superior. These are just ordinary human beings. They are guys who have been playing for their country and they live on the hard edge. Millions are watching them and expecting."

That is why I think it appropriate at this point to quote a well-known poem by Theodore Roosevelt, the former American president. It applies to the whole of the England squad, but to Gareth Southgate in particular. It reads as follows:

> *It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could actually have done them better.*
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> *The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again;*
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> *because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause;*
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> *who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly.*
>
> *So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.*

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Ambitious Armstrong revels in the good times

Armstrong: confident

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

LAST season, it took Chris Armstrong more than 12 hours to register his first league goal; this season, he waited only 33 minutes before opening his account. Armstrong, the Tottenham Hotspur striker, is now part of the FA Carling Premiership furniture, a respected opponent and much-feared marksman.

Gone is the affliction known as square-peg-in-a-round-hole syndrome, which the critics gleefully diagnosed after his £4.5 million move from Crystal Palace in the summer of last year. Gone is the apparent sullen air and couldn't-care-less attitude that darkened his final days at Selhurst Park and clouded his early outings at White Hart Lane.

Gone, too, or at least fading, are the memories of 18 months ago, when he tested positive for cannabis, and the subsequent furore that enveloped him. He withdrew even further into his uncommunicative shell and wallowed in indignation at the many lurid tales, mostly untrue, that were doing the rounds.

Armstrong, 25, is at peace with the world at last. The goals — 22 last season and, already, two this — have helped to erase the bad times. He scored both in Tottenham's 2-0 win against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park on Saturday and, when Derby County visit North London this evening, he is confident of increasing his tally.

"It took me a while to get going last season, to get that elusive first goal," he said. "I took a fair bit of stick, and it was unfortunate that it took so long, but it was a great year once I got going. I'd like to think I could better my total of last season. We've set our sights high and it would be nice to win the championship. It's no good thinking otherwise."

Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, has played a key role with his sensitive coaching and cajoling of Armstrong — Alan Smith, his manager at Palace, had tried valiantly but failed — and, consequently, the partnership with Teddy Sheringham, the England striker, has become one of the most productive in the Premiership. It reaped 46 goals last season, with only Robbie Fowler and Stan Collymore, of Liverpool, more prolific.

The return to full health of Darren Anderton, the England winger, has proved similarly helpful. Anderton supplies the ammunition, Sheringham the intellect and Armstrong the deceptive pace and gloss finish. "Teddy is world class, he proved that during Euro 96," Armstrong said. "We know each other's game so much better now and it can only improve.

"Having Darren back is great, too, he makes such a difference to the side. As a striker, you always rely on decent service from midfield. With Darren there, you know you are going to get it."

Armstrong, still quiet yet less introspective, has no regrets about resisting the overtures of Newcastle United, his home-town club, and choosing Tottenham instead. "It was a hard decision but I'm sure I made the right decision," he said. He also harbours hopes of an international call-up.

"To gain that sort of recognition would be tremendous," he said, "but, first, I've got to concentrate on playing well for Tottenham. Then we'll see what happens." He is qualified to represent England — he has played for them at B level — or could even wear the green of Ireland.

Armstrong has been courted by Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, for many months, yet, at Ewood Park on Saturday, he possibly gained another admirer. Sitting in the stands, with World Cup notebook in hand, was Glenn Hoddle, the new England coach.

FOOTBALL

Van Vossen aims to exploit rule change

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN VLADIKAVKAZ

EMANCIPATION is supposed to benefit the poor and the oppressed, but in football its consequences are decidedly different. The Bosman ruling and its ramifications are of greatest value to the wealthy and the liberties they confer may leave Rangers free to advance to the Champions' League stage of the European Cup after the return leg of the preliminary-round tie against Alania Vladikavkaz in south-east Russia tonight.

In defending the 3-1 lead established in Glasgow, Rangers will enjoy the protection of the European Court verdict that, in addition to altering the contract system, also abolished the "three foreigners" quota.

Rangers are without Alan McLaren and David Robertson, both injured and sure to be absent until the autumn, but Walter Smith, the manager, can fill their positions with his two latest non-Scottish signings — Joachim Bjorklund, of Sweden, and Jorg Albertz, from Germany.

Even without the suspended Paul Gascoigne, half of the team will be composed of players lured from other countries. Under the previous rules governing European football, Rangers would have had to contort their selection by filling the side with fringe players of dubious worth.

The removal of the restrictions also allows one signing in particular to further the revival of his career. Peter van Vossen, who scored twice in the 5-2 win against Dunfermline Athletic on Saturday, is compelling Rangers supporters to revise their opinion. He has played for Anderlecht and Ajax, as well as converting the penalty for Holland at Wembley that secured a draw and did irreparable damage to England's hopes of reaching the 1994 World Cup finals.

When he joined Rangers from Istanbulspor, of Turkey, for £2.5 million last season, however, Van Vossen was a despondent figure. Every laboured move he made on the field announced that this was a man for whom football had become a misery. The disenchantment, in addition to personal difficulties, left him yearning for home. "It was the hardest experience in the world," Van Vossen said of his first few months in Scotland.

"I wanted to be living in Amsterdam and playing for a club in that area. Before I went on holiday this summer, I asked my agent to get me a move back to Holland. When I returned to Ibrox, though, I wanted to know what the 'gaffer' thought and Mr Smith said Rangers still believed I was a good player. I asked if he would give me a chance in the team and he said he would, but I had to prove myself."

Despite rediscovering his scoring touch, Van Vossen can hardly be spared the tension that will bedevil the whole Rangers party this evening. The resumption of fighting in nearby Chechnia and the spartan conditions of the hotel in Vladikavkaz, although much discussed, pose little danger to the Scottish champions.

What they really fear is failure and absence from the Champions' League. In such an event, Rangers would be given a place in the first-round draw for the Uefa Cup, but little consolation could be found in that.

For Smith, this is in theory the strongest squad he has had since failing, narrowly, to reach the European Cup final in 1993, but he recognises that its potential is immaterial if the chance to explore it is squandered.

Some insight into the common resolve to avoid such bitter frustration came in the first leg when Rangers were a goal down to Vladikavkaz at half-time. Many imagine that the resurgence that followed must have been produced by impassioned rhetoric in the dressing-room. Smith, however, dismisses such melodramatic interpretations.

"It had nothing to do with anything I said to them," he explained. "The players knew they had not done well and they reacted to their own disappointment."

Vladikavkaz lead the Russian championship once again, but their defence can be suspect. European football is less forgiving of such foibles and, should Rangers, with the counter-attacking pace of players such as Brian Laudrup and Van Vossen, score on the break, they are likely to advance to the next round and reap the financial rewards that go with it.

Ronaldo, right, joins his first training session under Robson with his new Barcelona team-mates

Robson ready to reign in Spain

Oliver Holt finds the former England manager equal to the task in Barcelona

The chattering stilled, a hush descended and the smell of power flooded into the sprawling trophy rooms at the Nou Camp stadium. The sea of journalists parted as the line of unsmiling men in dark suits filed in and took their seats either side of a callow youth in a black T-shirt. At the end of the table, Bobby Robson looked on.

Jose Luis Nuñez, the Barcelona president and one of the most influential men in European football, fielded most of the questions. Occasionally, when he made a joke, the journalists laughed and an extra puff of smoke rose from the cigar of Nicolau Cassaus, the club vice-president. Juan Gaspart, the money man, the transfer wheeler-dealer, stared straight ahead.

Then, after a short hiatus, all eyes turned to Ronaldo, 19, the Brazilian whom Robson made the most expensive footballer in the world for a week before Newcastle United paid £15 million for Alan Shearer. This was his formal introduction to Barcelona and, outside, the crowds were waiting to greet him.

The striker, who cost more than £13 million when Barcelona bought him from PSV Eindhoven, muttered a few shy words of Portuguese and the press conference was brought to a close. Before he skipped down the stairs to the car park, he posed for photographers with Robson and Nuñez, each locking hands for the cameras.

If there ever had been a honeymoon period for Robson in his new role as the manager of one of the world's biggest club sides, that handshake on Monday afternoon brought it to a close. Now that Ronaldo has arrived, a fiercely expectant press and public are assuming that everything will go like clockwork.

In the six weeks that Robson has been in Spain, he has been plunged into a relentless series of pre-season matches arranged by his predecessor, Johan Cruyff. He has been beset by injuries to leading players, but still the media have been dismayed by two inconsequential defeats. Like the arrival of Shearer in the North East, Ronaldo is being seen as the catalyst for an explosion of success.

Later on Monday, as the sun set behind the main stand of the Olympic stadium, Ronaldo trained with his team-mates for the first time. By the end of the day, the press were pestering Robson about whether he would play for a full 90 minutes against the Argentinian side, San Lorenzo, in the Joan Gamper trophy last night.

Robson said: "He has just had a two-week vacation, he only arrived in the country on Saturday night and suddenly everyone thinks he is going to play a full game, score three goals and that everything will suddenly be all right. But he is not in the right condition. He will play 20 minutes at the end but we do not want him to pull a muscle and put himself out for the start of the season on September 10."

Robson, who managed England between 1982 and 1990 and came here after winning two Portuguese championships with Porto, will play Ronaldo as a lone striker, supported by the Bulgarian, Stoichkov, on the left, and another Brazilian, Giovanni, in front of a midfield that is likely to boast the Croatian, Prosinecki, and the Portuguese, Figo. There are, though, no Englishmen in his polyglot team.

"I thought about going for Shearer before we signed Ronaldo," Robson said. "I spoke to Ray Harford on a couple of occasions and he said the boy was not for sale, so we looked elsewhere.

"He [Ronaldo] is an incredibly gifted player. He is a capable boy and very intelligent. He is another Romario on the pitch and someone with Shearer's sense off it. He handles himself well.

"When it looked as though Manchester United were going to buy Nadal, there was a slim chance that Lee Sharpe might come here as part of that deal. We had agreed a price with Alex Ferguson for Nadal but I don't think they could meet his wage demands.

"It is not really a conscious decision not to have any English players. It is just that the market there has become a bit inflated."

TOMORROW

Robson's challenge

Arsenal wait on arrival of new manager

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ARSENAL will have to wait a while longer before appointing Arséne Wenger as their new manager. Wenger is experiencing problems in gaining his release from Nagoya Grampus Eight, his club in Japan, but is still expecting the matter to be resolved by next week at the latest.

After dismissing Bruce Rioch only five days before the start of the FA Carling Premiership season, Arsenal had hoped to make an announcement yesterday. However, with the Japanese season not yet finished and Wenger still under contract, the plan has met with complications.

"Nagoya need to consider things a bit longer before making a decision on my future," Wenger said. "We have to speak again in the next few days, and there will be an announcement soon, but I don't know when. Perhaps this week, or maybe next week, I'm not sure. I have tried to push Nagoya, but they want more time."

Wenger also denied an interest in David Ginola, Newcastle United's French winger, after reports suggested that Arsenal were preparing a bid of £4 million. "No, I don't know anything about this," Wenger said.

"David is a very good player, but he plays for Newcastle. You have to study the quality of the player and then see if he would fit into your team and bring a good balance."

After the 2-0 win over West Ham United at Highbury on Saturday, Arsenal's marginally improved state of health suffered another relapse with the 2-0 defeat against Liverpool at Anfield on Monday night. It worsened yesterday when Ian Wright, their outspoken striker, accused the club's coaching staff of ignoring him after he had made public his antipathy towards the departed Rioch.

"Some people didn't like it," Wright said. "The players seemed OK, but the coaching staff blanked me. They didn't want to know me." Wright, however, insisted that he still wants to finish his playing career at Highbury.

Stewart Houston, Arsenal's caretaker manager, admitted that the climate at the north London club was still far from settled.

"It's just a question of the players sticking together and responding, which they seem to be doing," Houston said. "All I'm doing is just focusing on the next training session, the next game, whatever. I have to take things on a daily basis."

New talks may offer way out of strike threat by PFA

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE THREAT of a strike by members of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) continues to loom as the dispute between the League and the players' union over television payments remains deadlocked. The PFA is insisting it is due an annual 10 per cent levy from the £125 million five-year deal with Sky TV — part owned by News International, owners of *The Times* — which would be in line with the traditional percentage payment from moneys generated by television screening rights.

League officials at Lytham St Annes have claimed that the PFA would be breaking industrial law if they were to encourage players to strike, as the dispute does not concern terms of employment.

The union executive has voted to send out ballot papers to members, however, and is likely to win a mandate to lead a walk-out once the players respond. Nonetheless, the League remains confident that some common ground can be found on Friday. "We're hoping to continue our dialogue with the PFA and will be going into the meeting to find a way forward." Chris Hull, a League spokesman said. "Some of the recent remarks attributed to the PFA seem confrontational and are not conducive to discussions."

The confrontation was sparked by a League announcement that the old agreement — whereby the PFA would have received the 10 per cent — was outdated and would no longer be adhered to. The union has always used the cash to finance its benevolent projects and insurance premiums.

Indeed, the PFA is about to launch a new initiative to improve provision for injured players in conjunction with the Lilleshall Sports Injury and Human Performance Centre. The move is designed to make sure that injured players do not suffer because of financial constraints placed on some clubs, with the PFA funding treatment and accommodation for up to six players a week at Lilleshall.

Kluivert: injured

"In such a precarious profession as football, we lose 50 players a year with permanent injury," Gordon Taylor, the PFA chief executive said.

Abroad, Ajax, the Dutch champions will begin the defence of their crown on the back of a pre-season crisis. The injury-hit side have conceded 16 goals in five matches without scoring once, with the latest setback a 3-0 drubbing by their rivals, PSV Eindhoven, in the traditional curtain raiser, the Johan Cruyff Shield.

The European champions of 1995 and present world club title holders have also suffered defeats at the hands of AC Milan, Juventus, Deportivo La Coruña and Chelsea. But, referring to the injury situation — which has sidelined Marc Overmars, Patrick Kluivert, Winston Bogarde and Peter Hoekstra — Louis van Gaal, the coach, said: "We usually use the pre-season to get the team to build up a head of steam, but we'll have to make the most of the next games just to limit the damage."

At home, Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager, has denied claims that he is set to sign Andy Turner, Tottenham Hotspur's Republic of Ireland Under-21 winger. Fenwick was said to be prepared to pay an initial fee of £250,000, with a further £100,000 after 50 appearances for the 21-year-old. However, he said: "We are interested but not at the kind of money Spurs are talking about."

Keith Curle's hopes of making his debut for Wolverhampton Wanderers, of the first division, have been upset by injury. The £650,000 buy from Manchester City last month has had his calf put in plaster and is likely to be sidelined for at least another week. Curle could be available to face Queens Park Rangers at Molineux next week.

Ukraine cover-up irks Hamilton

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRYAN HAMILTON, the Northern Ireland manager, has criticised the Ukrainian football authorities for keeping him in the dark during the build-up to the World Cup qualifying match between the sides in Belfast next week.

Hamilton is angry that the Irish Football Association was not told about a warm-up match Ukraine played against Lithuania in Kiev last week — Ukraine won 5-2 — from which he could have sized up the Windsor Park opposition.

It leaves Hamilton with only eight minutes on video of Ukraine in action. But he remains hopeful that the players in his 18-man squad named yesterday may yet go into the Group Nine match a week on Saturday with more detailed knowledge of their rivals.

"They were supposed to notify us about any matches they were playing before they came to Belfast. That's the customary procedure and I'm very disappointed they didn't stick to it," Hamilton said.

"We could have had someone at last week's match and at present I know very little about the Ukrainians. An eight-minute tape of highlights doesn't reveal all that much. But I think I'm close to finding another source who can come up with more extensive coverage of them in action. I am bringing my squad together next Tuesday and I'd like to have more material on Ukraine."

Hamilton has recalled Neil Lennon, of Leicester City, Phil Gray, the France-based striker, and Coventry City's close-season signing, Michael O'Neill, to join up with the players who held the European champions, Germany, to a 1-1 draw in Belfast in May.

Lennon did not play in that game as he was involved in Leicester's FA Carling Premiership play-off final at Wembley a few days earlier, while Gray was in hospital for knee surgery.

O'Neill is back, having been left out of the Germany fixture as Hamilton felt he was not in shape, psychologically, being in dispute at the time with his former club, Hibernian. There is no place, however, for the established internationals, Alan McDonald, Steve Morrow and Gerry Taggart.

"We've widened our squad over the last year," Hamilton said. "There are now 24 players in contention so everyone is looking over his shoulder. It's a good position for me. I now have well-regarded players I can turn to when, inevitably, injuries strike."

Germany, Portugal, Albania and Armenia are the other countries in Northern Ireland's group, with only one team to qualify automatically for the 1998 World Cup finals in France.

"It's a very tough section and there won't be an easy match," Hamilton said. "Getting full points from this opening game will be a difficult challenge. But I'm happy we're starting off on a Saturday afternoon. It gives kids and older people who may not have been able to make a midweek date the chance to support us.

"The bigger the crowd, the better for us. Our supporters are so important to us. They lifted the team superbly to get the draw against Germany."

☐ Sheffield United could ask for two first division games — against Huddersfield Town and West Bromwich Albion — to be postponed because of international calls. Gareth Taylor, Alan Kelly and Petr Katchouro have been selected for Wales, Ireland and Belorussia respectively.

SQUAD

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD: A Fettis (Nottingham Forest), A Davison (Bolton Wanderers), D Griffin (St Johnstone), N Worthington (Stoke City), K Rowland (West Ham United), C Hill (Leicester City), B Hunter (Reading), P McGibbon (Manchester United), S Lomas (Manchester City), N Lennon (Leicester City), J Magilton (Southampton), G McMahon (Tottenham Hotspur), M O'Neill (Coventry City), K Gillespie (Newcastle United), M Hughes (West Ham United), I Dowie (West Ham United), P Gray (Nancy), G O'Boyle (St Johnstone)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

European Cup
Qualifying round, second leg
A Vladikavkaz (1) v Rangers (3) (5.0)

FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Blackburn (7 45)
* Chelsea v Middlesbrough (7 45)
Leicester v Southampton (7.45)
Man Utd v Everton (8 0)
Newcastle v Wimbledon (7 45)
Nottingham Forest v Sunderland (7 45)
Tottenham v Derby (7 45)
West Ham v Coventry (7.45)

Coca-Cola Cup
First round, first leg
Brighton v Birmingham (7 45)
Millwall v Peterborough (7 45)
Shrewsbury v Tranmere

Vauxhall Conference
Gateshead v Northwich (7 45)
Morecambe v Macclesfield (7 45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock v Chelmsford (7 45), Salisbury v Crawley (7 45); Sittingbourne v Sudbury Tn (7 45) Midland division: Evesham v Dudley Town, Paget R v Hinckley Town, Raunds T v Bedworth; VS Rugby v Redditch. Southern division: Bashley v Fleet T, Dartford v Tonbridge Angels, Forest Green v Clevedon; St Leonards v Erith and Belvedere: Yate v Cinderford.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow v Carshalton. First division: Chesham v Worthing. Second division: Collier R v Cheshunt

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: *League Cup: Final:* Ipswich v Arsenal (at Bury St Edmunds FC).

PONTINS LEAGUE: Premier division: Oldham v Manchester United (7 0). First division: Blackpool v Middlesbrough (7 0)

Notts County v Sheffield United (7 0). Preston v Port Vale (7 0). Second division: Burnley v Barnsley (7 15), Carlisle v Bradford (7 0); Wrexham v Mansfield (7 0): York v Grimsby (7 0)

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Preliminary round, first leg: Porthmadog v Flint Town

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section E: St Patrick's Ath v Home Farm (7 45) Section F: Bohemians v Bray (7 45) Section A: Kilkenny v Waterford (7 15). Section B: Derry v Sligo; Fanad v Finn Harps (6.30). Section C: Galway v UCG (7 45) Section D: Monaghan v Longford (7 45).

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier League: Bideford v Elmore, Calne v Odd Down; Chippenham v Brislington; Tiverton v Bridgwater

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Holbeach, Potton v N Spencer; St Neots v Wootton

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Tottenham Omada v Haringey, Woodford v Barkingside

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Handrahan Timbers v Studley BKL; Kings Heath v West Midland Fire Service.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Didcot v Brackley, Fairford v Shortwood; North Leigh v Highworth, Swindon Supermarine v Endsleigh: Wantage v Lambourn Sports

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham v Stockton; Consett v Guisborough; Durham v RTM Newcastle; Seaham Red Star v Whitby; Whickham v Bedlington Terriers

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe v Bootle; Kidsgrove v Maine Road; Prescot v Chadderton; Rossendale v Darwen

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Brierley Hill T v Westfields: Ludlow T v Malvern T; Stafford T v Blorwich S

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Cowes Sports v Brockenhurst; Downton v Christchurch: Eastleigh v Whitchurch

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Three Bridges v Burgess Hill, Whitehawk v Saltdean.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Lordswood v Crockenhill; Sheppey v Canterbury

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Ilford: Essex v Hampshire Swansea: Glamorgan v Warwickshire Eltham: Kent v Durham. Hinckley: Leicestershire v Somerset. Lensbury CC: Middlesex v Derbyshire Horsham: Sussex v Nottinghamshire. Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Surrey. Elland: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British women's amateur strokeplay championship (at Conwy)

RUGBY LEAGUE: Halifax Student World Cup: Group B: Ireland v Western Samoa (at York, 7.30); New Zealand v United States (at Wakefield, 7 0)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7 30): Hull v London, Long Eaton v Wolverhampton, Poole v Middlesbrough.

Getting their kicks as men behaving madly

MIKE MAYHEW

Teesside danced the Headless Chicken after Ravanelli's debut hat-trick

TOMMY HINDLEY

Gascoigne, in the Dentist's Chair, and Sheringham on a tale of Hong Kong excess

NEAL SIMPSON

The renowned Klinsmann Dive seemed to sum up all the joys of goalscoring

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

Yes, but is it art? Let us call it the *pollo senza testa*, or the Headless Chicken, a dance performed by Fabrizio Ravanelli on three occasions last weekend. Each was a celebration of a goal as the Italian-turned-Teessider compiled a hat-trick on his first appearance for his new club, Middlesbrough.

The gist of the thing is to run about with your shirt pulled over your head. Not an original manoeuvre, but Ravanelli gave it a certain zest of his own while the fact that it was performed three times added to its memorable qualities.

Yes, but is it sport? Some have questioned the wisdom of exposing a naked chest in these volatile sporting times, and the referee, Paul Alcock, felt the need to have a quiet word. *Attenzione*, old chap, this is *Inghilterra*, you know. "The sight of a thoroughly exposed, grey-tufted torso ... is not necessarily an unpleasant experience," my old friend Sue Mott commented elsewhere with charmingly understated lubricity.

I rang the Football Association to ask about grey-tufted torsos and found that it was remarkably relaxed about them. Taking your shirt actually *off* might incur its wrath, but three repetitions of the Headless Chicken were just fine. In fact, it was more worried about Robbie Fowler, whose own-goal celebration involved some on-pitch embracing of Liverpool fans at the other end of the ground.

Two of the embracers, or embracees, were thrown out of the ground for the crime — it is, literally, a criminal offence — for stepping onto the pitch.

But the FA is right to allow what one might oxymoronically call moderate excess. The National Football League, which runs American football, has been nicknamed the No Fun League for its crass and heavy-handed rules concerning on-pitch celebrations. Players who drop to their knees and mutter a prayer of thanks have been condemned along with the rest.

But in football — proper football, I mean — a goal is worth more than a touchdown, being a rarer species. And celebration is an inevitable response. In the stands, strangers embrace strangers, while on the pitch, hated teammates and beloved colleagues indiscriminately hug each other almost to death. This reached a point of lunacy when Tony Adams, of Arsenal, celebrated victory in the Coca-Cola Cup final by picking up one of the goalscorers, Steve Morrow, and hurling him to the ground like a javelin. Morrow broke his arm, left the pitch on a stretcher wearing an oxygen mask and was out for the season.

The story shows just how wild are the passions of football and how they all come to a head with a goal. I recall one emotional match in which I, a goalkeeper, was first to embrace the scorer, who, naturally enough, was at the opposite end of the pitch; I also remember scoring from a wind-blown punt-out and performing a complete lap of honour.

I was there for the historic moment when the Klinsmann Dive was first performed two seasons ago. It was a semi-private joke and the players had talked about doing it before the match. But when it happened it seemed to sum up all the wild joys of scoring.

Gazza has managed two memorable prescripted celebrations in 12 months. One was the Dentist's Chair during the European championship, the re-enactment of the tale of Hong Kong excess on the Wembley turf.

The earlier celebration was his mime of a flute player after scoring for Rangers. English innocents called him the Pied Piper, but weary veterans of sectarianism knew he was celebrating the Orange Day March, as provocative a gesture as has been seen on a football field.

But away from such calculated mischief-making, the goalscoring celebration is an aspect of the puerile joy that is forever football. You may recall with fondness Denis Law's gladiatorial salute to himself or Mick Channon's windmilling right arm.

Is there a boy, or a girl, in Britain who has not worked out what to do after scoring the winner at Wembley? Those that actually get to do it, whatever they do, they all do the same thing. They go off their heads. And good luck to them. They played Beethoven's Ninth at the European championship, but it was pure tautology. Football's own *Ode To Joy* is to be found in the myriad versions of the *pollo senza testa*, the goalscorer's gavotte of madness.

RADIO CHOICE

Life that runs on wheels

My Life as a Car. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*

Episode one of Mark Wallington's comedy series amusingly establishes the direction in which we will be travelling for the next six weeks. It should be a worthwhile journey provided Wallington can keep his vehicle in the gear (third, alternating with top) which he has selected for tonight's test-drive episode, and provided also that Phil Daniels continues to keep a firm grip on the steering wheel. Daniels plays the man — teenager, initially — whose ups and downs are decided by the cars he owns and drives over the years. He begins tonight with the two-tone Rover 1000 he inherited from his grandfather, in the back seat of which, with a market researcher, he ends his short reign as what he dolefully describes as "the only male virgin left in the British Isles".

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

Except for Mendelssohn's *Fingal's Cave*, which doesn't really belong to the rest of the programme, all tonight's recordings feature Dame Janet Baker, that very fine mezzo soprano who retired from concert hall and opera house a few years ago. Today is her 63rd birthday; hence tonight's concert. Because she was an outstanding interpreter of Mahler and Bach, the inclusion of the former's five Rückert songs and the latter's Magnificat in D were safe bets. She was also a celebrated exponent of Brahms, which accounts for the selection of his *Alto Rhapsody*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Dave Pearce **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Esplanade in Woolacombe **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Clive Warren **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Festival Lounge, with Johnny Vaughan broadcasting from the Edinburgh Festival **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **4.00** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Ralph McTell **8.00** The Hidden Tradition. Kathryn Tickell explores young musical talent (1/4) **8.30** Folk in the Footlights (4/5) **9.00** Frank Hennessy's Wales (5/6) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** *The Magazine*, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl **2.35**, **3.10** and **3.45** Racing from York **4.00** *Nationwide* **7.00** *News Extra* **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Action from the Carling Premiership, plus news from Rangers' European Cup preliminary round match against Alania Vladikavkas **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine **10.35** Radio 5 Live at the Fringe, with Janice Forsyth **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours, with John Diamond **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** *Megamix* **8.15** *Off the Shelf*. *Washington Square* (3/10) **8.30** Pop Science **9.15** Concert Hall **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf: *Washington Square* (3/10) **12.30pm** Thirty-Minute Drama: *The End of Lieutenant Borulka* **1.30** Composer of the Month **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Science View **6.30** News in German **7.30** Pop Science **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack: X Press **10.05** World Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian (On Screen) **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Science View **12.15** Country Style **12.30** Multitrack: X Press **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Nick Bailey **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Beethoven (Triple Concerto in C major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata: Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 7 in B flat major) **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert. See Choice **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (**FM**) / Robin Banks (**AM**) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Penny Gore. Includes Dussek (Piano Concerto in G minor); Copland (Prairie Journal, Music for Radio); Humperdinck (Romanze; Blauveilchen; Entsagung); Elgar (Incidental music: Grania and Diarmid), Bach (Concerto in F in the Italian Style); Fauré (Ballade)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Szymanowski (Violin Concerto No 2); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor)
10.00 Composer of the Week: Berg
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival. Live from the *Queen's Hall*. Renée Fleming, soprano, and Helen Yorke, piano, perform songs by Schubert and Schumann **11.45** Festival Slooshies: Tantrums, Tiaras and Tutus, with Colin Bell **12.05** Concert Part 2: Four American rarities and songs by Fauré and Turina
1.00 Manchester Summer Recitals. Sorrell Quartet: Britten (Three Divertimenti, 1936; Alla Marcia, 1933), Mendelssohn (String Quartet in E minor, Op 44) (6/10)
2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes Telemann (Suite in A minor, Overture), Glazunov (Five Novelettes, Op 15), Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1, Der Tanz in der Dorfschenke)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from the Priory Church, Edington in Wiltshire
5.00 The Music Machine, with Luke Cresswell
5.15 In Tune. Includes Brahms (Intermezzi, Op 117)
6.00 Edinburgh International Festival. Live from St Cuthbert's Church. The Mosaiques Quintet. Introduced by Geoffrey Baskerville. Haydn (String Quartets: in E flat, Op 20 No 1; in B minor, Op 33 No 1; in A, Op 20 No 6) (2/3)
7.00 In Tune Part 2. Schoenberg (Song of the Wood Dove, Gurrelieder)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London. *Proms Artist of the Week* Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin, the New York Philharmonic, under Kurt Masur. Brahms (Violin Concerto in D) **8.10** Anne-Sophie Mutter. A profile of the violinist **8.30** Proms Part 2. Prokofiev (Suite: Romeo and Juliet)
9.40 Reading Keats. Dannie Abse considers anaesthetics and aesthetics in Keats's work (3/5) (r)
10.00 Voices. Thomas Hampson, baritone, Wolfram Rieger, piano. Mahler (Kindertotenlieder)
10.30 Edinburgh International Festival. Live from the Usher Hall. Introduced by Linda Ormiston. Nuccia Focile, soprano, Katarina Karneus, mezzo, Toby Spence, tenor, Hanover Band, under Charles Mackerras. Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat, La reine; Pieta di Me, H XXVb 5; Symphony No 87 in A)
11.30 Composer of the Week: Beethoven (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **2.15** Dvořák and Bruckner

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing incl weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Diary of a Nobody (3/5) (r) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00 News; The Street: Mansfield Crescent, Armthorpe, South Yorkshire (4/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, from County Down (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm No Commitments, by Simon Brett. A comedy drama series about the lives of three sisters. With Rosemary Leach, Nicola Pagett and Celia Imrie (5/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Forest Tales, by Colin Haydn Evans. A drama about five travellers camping in mysterious woodland (3/3)
2.45 From Their Own Correspondent (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini watches the Whiteoak Dance project featuring Mikhail Baryshnikov and reviews the week's new film releases
4.45 Short Story: A Dog for All Seasons, by Lily Herzberg. The story of a lovable Alsatian who dominates the household. Read by Fiona Ramsey
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1996
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Deep Season: Sounds of Sirens. Fiona Shaw explores the myth of the mermaid
8.00 Tales from the Wildside. Fergus Keeling explores wildlife film-making with three cameramen who have spent their lives capturing some of the most memorable shots from the natural world
8.30 The Deep Season: 0-20,000 Leagues under the Sea. Mike Golding looks at the only real wilderness left on earth, the deep sea (4/4)
9.00 Costing the Earth. The last of the series
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Washington Square. Tom Wilkinson reads Henry James's story (8/10)
11.00 My Life as a Car. See Choice (1/6)
11.30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare by Desmond Oliver Dingle. A comedy series on the world of Shakespeare, featuring the Royal Dingle Company and special guest stars. This week, Richard E. Grant's guide to Shakespearean comedy (1/6) (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Slaughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vonnegut (3/10) (r) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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PARALYMPICS

Grey's experience pays off as she strikes gold

By Alix Ramsay

REVENGE is sweet, and it is sweeter still when there is a gold medal involved. Late on Monday night, Tanni Grey had her first taste of gold in the 1996 Paralympics, taking the 800 metres T52 title and setting a world record of 1min 55.12sec. More to the point, Grey beat her main rival in the sprint events, Leann Shannon, of the United States, who took the silver medal.

Shannon had already taken Grey's 100 metres crown, won in Barcelona, a matter of hours before. At 27, Grey is positively veteran compared with Shannon, 14, and she was delighted with her victory. "It's nice to know I haven't lost it," she said. "After the 100 metres I knew I had to go hard to beat her. On the back straight I felt really good and I took her on the final bend. After that it was easy."

Life has not been so easy for Steve Payton. On Monday night he won the gold medal in the 100 metres T37 class. It was his second gold of the Games and was won after a mere four hours sleep. After winning the 400 metres final on Sunday, Payton was whisked away for a routine drugs test, but the vast quantities of water he has been taking to help combat the heat and humidity in Atlanta meant that his sample was too diluted to register. He was finally released at 7am, just a few hours before the 100 metres heats.

In the swimming pool, James Anderson won the gold in the 100 metres freestyle, with his fellow Scot, Alan McGregor, taking the bronze.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *38*

OPERCULUM

(a) The organ of a plant or animal that acts as a covering or lid. Could be used to describe the hat worn by one of those men who never go anywhere, or do anything, hatless. Plainclothes policemen, at any rate on the television, are traditionally operculiferous. An even more extreme case is that of the man who wears his hat while actually driving his car. Be warned. Operculiferous drivers are dangerous. More so even than pipe-smoking, portable-telephoning or shaving drivers.

DECOCTION

(b) The Superior Person's word for soup. In essence, anything prepared by boiling something in water to extract its essence. NB, soup can also be a *con*coction — provided that it contains more than one ingredient. Since a concoction is something prepared by cooking things in combination, or by combining things for some other purpose. A newspaper is a concoction.

KAMICHI

(a) The horned screamer, a South American bird. "And this is my wife Kay. Though I and my friends have an affectionate little Japanese pet name for her — Kamichi."

QUAESTUARY

(c) Someone whose first and foremost objective is profit. Somebody ruled exclusive by the profit and loss nexus. For example, a teenage son who will work in the garden only if paid to do so, and then resentfully.

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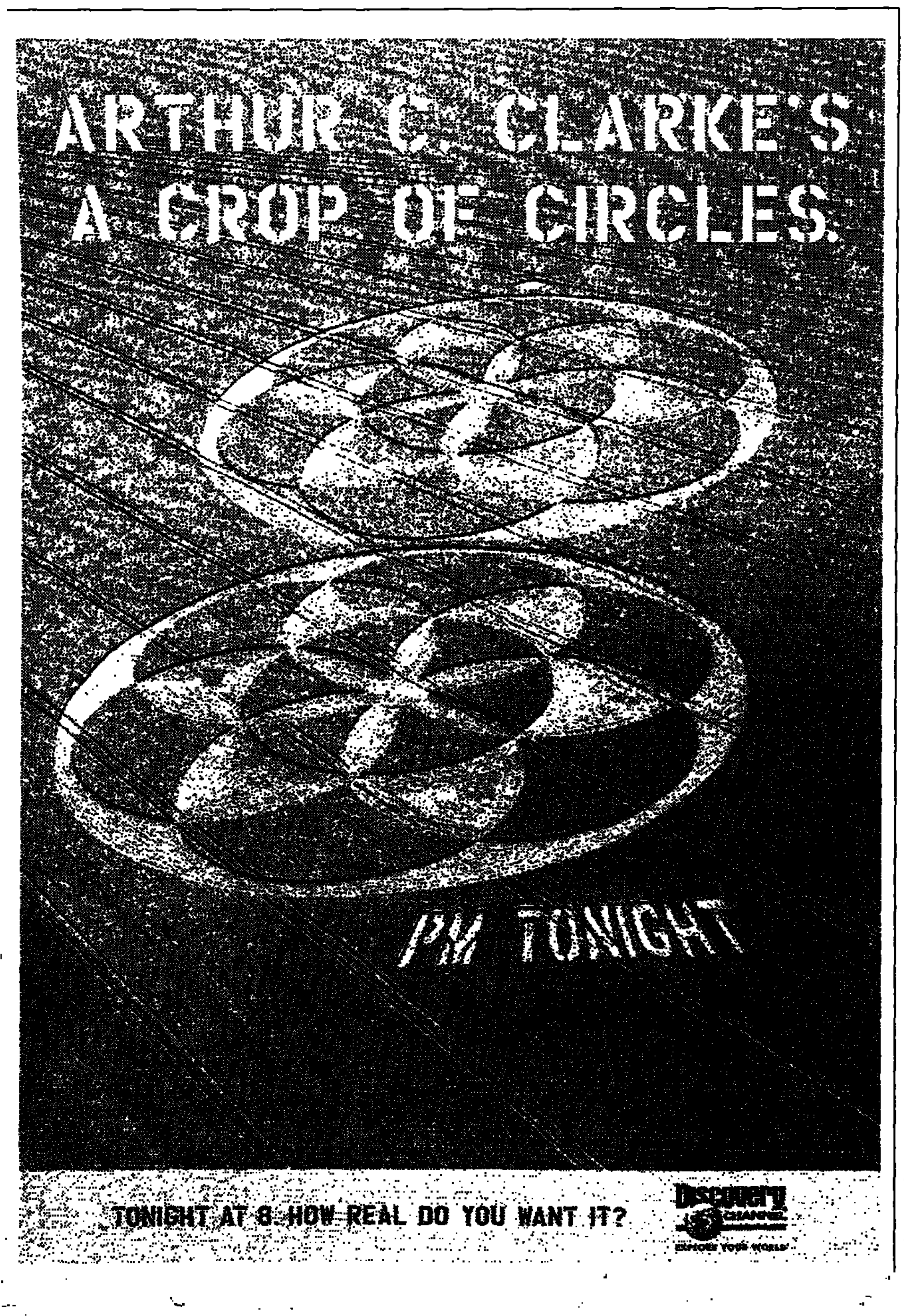

Caught out by the weather? Be prepared

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

The hot, sticky weather was due to break: those clever men and women who do the weather forecasts had been telling us so for days. But what they couldn't tell us was whether it would break soon enough and unseasonally enough for Ray Mears, self-styled "wilderness expert" for **Tracks** (BBC2) and a man never happier than when he has an orange plastic survival bag in one hand and a banana in the other.

"Something as simple as a banana," he pronounced solemnly last night, "is a very good food to have on the hill." To emphasise the point he waved an example at the camera. No doubt about it, it was definitely a banana.

By this time Mears had already given us a few helpful clues about what to look for if you suspected your hillside companion was in distress. Irritability, an inability to walk in straight lines and a tendency to fall headfirst into muddy streams in front of television cameras were all giveaway signs, he warned. He might as well have added brandishing a banana, because it was quite clear by now that the only person in serious difficulty was himself.

As the rest of us glowed, perspired and — doggone it — sweated our way through the repeat of *Lonesome Dove*, Mears's chosen subject for the night was . . . hypothermia. "Even in summer, people die of hypothermia in Britain," he announced brightly. But even before I had concluded that it was too hot to argue (especially with a man wrapped in orange plastic and brandishing a banana) up popped Lindsay Cannon from behind an apple tree. "Mistletoe," she began. "There's more to *Viscum album* than a quick kiss on the cheek." Not really their night, was it?

By contrast, it was quite a night for Lorraine Charker, whose first documentary for network television, **Picture This: Chiff-Chaff Chums** (BBC2), turned out to be something of a gem. What made the achievement all the more impressive was that her film — nominally about two Guide leaders running a summer camp but actually about rather more — defied current documentary vogue. It did not mock, it did not present the odd as the ordinary and it did not give its subjects enough rope to tie themselves up in bowlines. As an exercise in restraint, it was exemplary.

However, the temptation to do otherwise must have been enormous. Both Marilyn and Jane, with their undersized caps and sensibly-thatched hair, could have spent their summer understudying the Crankies and nobody would have noticed. Instead, they spent a week taking 63 Grimsby Guides to Chiff-Chaff camp in Sussex, where they distributed fried eggs and enthusiasm, tea and sympathy in impressively generous portions.

Of course, they had never grown up. We knew that and they knew that. "We're big kids at heart, really," said Jane . . . or was it Marilyn? I never did quite work out which was which. But while other documentary-makers might have left us with the jerky, home-video-style footage of two middle-aged women prancing absurdly around a flagpole, Charker made it clear that this transformation was for one week only. This was not the story of two lonely spinsters attempting to recapture their lost youth. Back home, there were husbands, children, lives.

The film was packed with memorable visual images, suggesting that Charker owed a considerable debt to her cameraman, Roger Chapman. The endless queue for the telephone, the food stores that looked as if they could fuel several attempts on Everest, the small Guide taking the long, tearful route down the abseiling tower . . . I could easily go on. It may have been filmed through a rose-tinted lens, but the delightful end result was definitely worth it.

You have to put on a pair of seriously rose-tinted spectacles to be very optimistic about the future of **The 10%ers** (ITV). Its run has been disrupted by the summer of sport (or, to be more precise, by ITV's response to the BBC's summer of sport) and it has slipped from prime-time 8.30pm to not-so-prime post-*News at Ten*. That, however, may reflect its content as much as its ratings. It can be rather grown-up stuff.

But it can also be very funny stuff, which is why, if ITV is genuinely tiring of the theatrical goings-on at Eden Management, then another channel ought to be considering a rescue bid. It will never be another *Men Behaving Badly*, but it could flourish in a post-watershed spot on either BBC2 or Channel 4.

The cast is superb, with Clive Francis as the urbane but vulnerable Dominic Eden and Elizabeth Bennett as the voracious and invulnerable Joan, turning in wonderful performances. The scripts, however, are just a little variable.

Last night's theme was aversion therapy, with Atin (Benedict Taylor) promising to confront his fear of public speaking, if Dominic tackled whatever his greatest fear was. The problem was identifying it. Confined spaces, open spaces, spiders, dentists: Atin tried them all, to gently amusing effect. But it took just a little too long to discover, and was just a little too predictable when we did, that the greatest fear of a gourmandising theatrical agent was junk food.

So, with Dominic agreeing to trial by doner kebab, it was up to Atin to make a royalty-enhancing eulogy to his recently deceased friend and rock star, Joey Cosmos. And after a few awkward moments and one grown-up expletive (actually rather an adolescent one), he had them rolling in the pews.

Finally, a word or two about **Do You Want a Smack?**, BBC1's new morning guide to better parenting. The scariest thing on television.

6.00am Business Breakfast (51976)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (82247)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2749889)

[illegible] **Do You Want a Smack?** (2/7) (7359860)

9.50 Gourmet Ireland. To Skerries, for Dublin Bay prawns; crispy pork dosa; grilled Dover sole and chunky chips; dark chocolate mousse with burnt-orange jus (5793860)

10.20 FILM: Carry on Don't Lose Your Head (1966). One of the best of the farce series, set during the French Revolution. With Sid James, Jim Dale, Joan Sims, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey and Peter Butterworth (Ceefax) (10375976) Includes news at **11.00**

12.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (1492976)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4662179)

12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (6493082)

1.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (85334)

1.30 Regional News (42777131)

1.40 Florida Folk (58700686) **2.05 Growing Places** (r) (81188711) **2.10 Lovejoy** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7300137) **3.05 Where's the Jack?** (7520353) **3.25 Snowy River** (s)(7775179) **4.50 Knots Landing** (r) (s) (5459727)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (825402)

6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (604)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (624)

7.00 Small Talk (Ceefax) (s) (3686)

7.30 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson puts four more contestants into the hot seat. The specialist subjects are: beekeeping, the life and times of Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, the career of Napoleon Bonaparte and the life and works of George Orwell (Ceefax) (s) (808)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Del Boy attempts to break into the big time when he sets up a consortium to buy 250 gold chains from a jewellery dealer at a knockdown price. But things do not go to plan when the dealer has a heart attack over lunch — with the gold still attached to his wrist. With David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (r) (Ceefax) (168247)

8.50 Points of View (299599)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (4808)

9.30 The Thin Blue Line. DI Grim has to deal with real-life terrorists, Constable Habib falls for a hunky fireman and Constable Goody goes green (r) (Ceefax) (s) (68957)

10.00 CHOICE **Inside Story: Betrayal.** (Ceefax) (s) (211605)

10.50 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights from tonight's match at Stamford Bridge, between Chelsea and Middlesbrough (9840792)

11.55 FILM: The Devil's Brigade (1968). Factual account of the fractious brigade of Americans and Canadians sent to take on the Nazis in Scandinavia; based on the books of Robert H. Alderman and Colonel George Walton. With William Holden, Cliff Robertson, Vince Edwards, Andrew Prine, Claude Akins, Carroll O'Connor and Richard Jaeckel. Directed by Andrew V. McLagen (23007315)

2.05am Weather (1040261)

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6.00am Open University: Modelling Drug Therapy (3511518) **6.25** From Snowdon to the Sea (3523353) **6.50** History Willing and Unwitting Testimony (2491711) **7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (6849334)

7.30 Mr Benn (1511119) **7.45 Lassie** (1671995) **8.10 Smurfs' Adventures** (5282518) **8.35 Get Your Own Back** (5284781) **9.05 Spiderman** (2739402) **9.25 Smart** (7365421) **9.50 Puppydog Tales** (3963686)

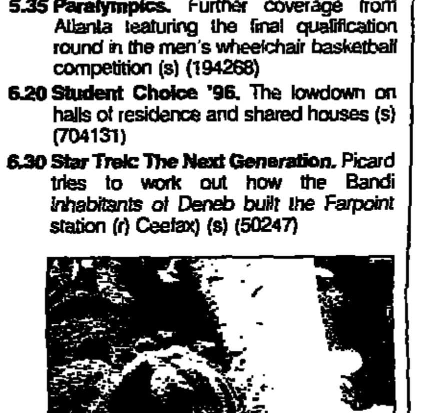
10.00 Playdays (7900266) **10.25 Man in a Suitcase** (2672686) **11.15 The Addams Family** (8303402) **11.40 The Phil Silvers Show** (3697547) **12.05pm Danger Theatre** (6620976) **12.30 Postcards from Down Under** (79063) **1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams** (45702421) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (24731518) **1.25 Menus and Music** (45798228)

1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (8869179) **2.20 Crawshaw Paints Oils** (87125044) **2.45 Understanding Cats** (4282808) **3.00 News** (1571334) **3.05 The Natural World** (1642957) **3.55 News** (3156605) **4.00 Cartoon** (5305792) **4.05 The Family Ness** (5304063) **4.10 Run the Risk** (r) (s) (2826995) **4.30 Cartoon Critters** (421) **5.00 Newsround** (7237529) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r) (4118599)

5.35 Paralympics. Further coverage from Atlanta featuring the final qualification round in the men's wheelchair basketball competition (s) (194268)

6.20 Student Choice '96. The lowdown on halls of residence and shared houses (s) (704131)

6.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Picard tries to work out how the Bandi inhabitants of Deneb built the Farpoint station (r) Ceefax) (s) (50247)



Living the high life (8.00pm)

8.00 Wildlife on Two: Orang — Utans . . . . Out On a Limb. David Attenborough narrates a first time view of the private life of orang-utans (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8696)

8.30 Wild Harvest with Nick Nairn. Final programme in the series. Nairn discovers how to shoot pigeon (2711)

9.00 CHOICE **Lonesome Dove: Return.** The concluding instalment of the story. The outfit are shocked by their recent loss but continue into buffalo territory (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3179)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (999131)

11.15 CHOICE **Angelou on Burns.** American writer Maya Angelou makes a pilgrimage to Burns country (Ceefax) (s) (602222)

12.05am Grace Under Fire (5866735)

12.30 The Learning Zone: Open University: Renewable Energies (61990) **1.30** Global Tourism (91532) **2.00** Summer Nights (18483) **4.00** Languages: Buongiorno Italia/Diez Temas/Spanish Globo (15209)

CHOICE

Short Stories: Firing Line

Channel 4, 8.30pm

In a high-profile week for women it's the turn of 150 volunteer soldiers — average age 13 — seen being drilled on the "parade ground" of Alleyns public school in south London by a relentless 16-year-old corporal. They are the CCF (Combined Cadet Force) and if they give in to so much as a blush or a giggle they're out. Indeed, there is little favouritism shown by the real soldiers who help to train them: the girls stagger over the same assault courses as the lads, wear the same combat gear, strip, load and fire (thank goodness with blanks) SA80 army rifles. Interestingly, the MoD heavily subsidises these cadets and the best platoon is invited — no, ordered — to join the real Army on manoeuvres over Easter. "Get yourself sorted and go out and kill people," shouts an instructor. Worrying.

Lonesome Dove

BBC2, 9.00pm

And so we say farewell — again — to this lovely, smokey, sentimental western. It's been one of the very few saddle sagas made for television which has managed at least an echo of the great John Ford. Tonight the Hat Creek outfit — shocked though they are by Deets'ss (Danny Glover) death — continue their cattle drive north. Gus (Robert Duvall) and Pea Eye (Tim Scott) ride ahead, chase buffalo and come a cropper with a band of Indians who shoot Pea Eye and totally incapacitate Gus. As the sun sinks slowly in the west he knows he's dying. Will Call (Tommy Lee Jones) honour his two last requests: that he acknowledge Newt (Ricky Schroder) as his son and that Call will take his body back to Texas and bury it in the orchard he once shared with Clara (Anjelica Huston)? How can he refuse?

Inside Story: Betrayal

BBC1, 10.00pm

Nigel and Marie were videoed during their wedding and the video also showed Nigel sneaking off for a bit of "the other" with Debbie, the wife of his best man. "I've always wanted Nigel," Debbie explains barefacedly to camera. Caroline's partner won £1.4 million on the lottery, bought a detached house and a BMW and promptly ditched Caroline and ran off with one Julie, a married woman. Says Julie of Caroline: "She's a bit rough, comes from a council estate, not like me." Carol's sister seduced her husband when they all lived under the same roof and under-age Steven had a secret affair with his mother's best friend. Unfortunately, all these victims and villains seem to be cut from the same cloth: they speak in a dreary monotone as if they were drugged. It's what they say, not how they say it, which fascinates.

Angelou on Burns

BBC2 11.15pm (not Scotland)

That's Robert Burns, and this unusual film brooks no criticism of him. Certainly there is none from his greatest American admirer, the poet, singer and black activist Maya Angelou. She sees parallels between her own life and his — both born in poverty, each gradually becoming aware of man's inhumanity to man and trying to do something about it. There is much Burnesian singing and Highland flinging in honour of the visiting American — she's in a candlelit castle to mark the bicentenary of her hero's death — and she herself waxes eloquent on how the Scot who never left Scotland could have so movingly understood the plight of her own people when he wrote *The Slave's Lament*. But *Tam O'Shanter* is "almost my favourite poem" — and we are duly granted a rendition of it which seems to go on for ever. **Elizabeth Cowley**

6.00am GMTV (4845976)

9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7369247)

9.50 Hope and Gloria (5795228) **10.20 News** (Teletext) (5011686) **10.25 Regional News**

10.30 FILM: Dance 'Til Dawn (1989) Lighthearted comedy about the senior prom. Directed by Paul Schneider (40451228)

12.20 Regional News (1481860)

12.30 ITN News and weather (6496179) **12.55 Shortland Street** (6464570) **1.25 Coronation Street** (6221570) **2.00 Home and Away** (87132334)

2.25 FILM: Trading Hearts (1988). Whimsical romantic tale about an over-the-hill baseball player and a single mother. Directed by Neil Leifer (1/2) (7915042) **3.20 News** (1588624) **3.25 Regional News**

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (5918191) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3794976) **3.50 Chatterhappy Ponies** (3783860) **4.00 Bugs Bunny** (r) (2824537) **4.20 Tiny Toon Adventures**(2800957) **4.45 Are You Afraid of the Dark?** (1028131)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (5432995)

5.40 ITN News and weather (625599)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (112)

6.30 Regional News (Teletext) (792)

7.00 Wheel of Fortune hosted by Nicky Campbell assisted by Jenny Powell (Teletext) (1082)

7.30 Coronation Street. Claire and Des have a heart-to-heart but there is a shock for Martin and Gail (Teletext) (976)

Kevin Whately as Lewis (8.00pm)

8.00 Inspector Morse: The Wolvercote Tongue. Morse investigates the link between the death oif an American tourist in an Oxford hotel and the disappearance of an Anglo-Saxon antiquity. Starring John Thaw and Kevin Whateley (r). (Teletext) (8599)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (47976)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (107773)

10.40 FILM: Wizards of the Lost Kingdom (1988) starring Bo Svenson and Thom Christopher. A wizard's son teams up with a might warrior to find a magic ring that would give an evil warlock absolute power. Directed by Hector Olivera (200889)

12.35 God's Gift with Davina McCall (4163445)

1.35 cyber.cafe (3836213)

2.05 Dear Nick (9624716)

3.05 Bushell on the Box (r) (84845377)

3.35 Nationwide Goals Extra (r) (8974464)

4.20 Phenomena (42133919)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (69445)

5.00 Hot Gossip (r) (44648)

5.30 ITN Morning News (39629)

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm Wales Tonight (796060)

7.00-7.30 Cafe Biagi (1082)

10.40 Film: Loverboy (23056247)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: The Good Family (41985773)

12.55 Coronation Street (6464570)

1.25-1.55 Good Advice (83082686)

1.55 Home and Away (58714889)

2.25 Healthy by Nature (87135421)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1541711)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5432995)

6.00 Westcountry Live (81808)

7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (1082)

10.40 Wild Dogs and Englishmen. The story of a Cornishman's fight to save the wild dogs of Zimbabwe (199044)

11.40 Street Legal (222131)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: The Good Family (93072044)

12.55 Home and Away (6464570)

1.25 Just a Minute (83082686)

1.55 A Country Practice (89712228)

2.20 People's Verdict (87136150)

2.50-3.20 Our House (5024150)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5432995)

6.25 Central News and Weather (796060)

7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (1082)

10.40 Unconventionally Fairport (199044)

11.40 Phoenix (855547)

12.45am Bushell on the Box (3164803)

1.20 God's Gift (3174280)

2.20 Dear Nick (9540700)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan (5795228) **10.30 Beakman's World** (55995) **11.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (5033150) **11.25 Cross Combat** (5043537) **11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** (6942614) **12.55pm Coronation Street** (6464570) **1.25 Home and Away** (83082686) **1.55 Shortland Street** (89712228) **2.20 Murder, She Wrote** (6565501) **5.10 Home and Away** (5432995) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (112) **6.30 Antiques Trail** (792) **7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune** (1082) **10.40 Meridian Arts Debate** (199044) **11.40 The Making of Twister: Raising a Storm** (450537) **12.05am Short Story Cinema** (5874754)

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Starts: 6.35 Sharky and George (2472686) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (75957) **9.00 California Dreams** (7371082) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (7341841) **9.55 Hangin with Mr Cooper** (6580334) **10.20 Earthworm Jim** (2321599) **10.45 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure** (5323421) **11.10 Biker Mice from Mars** (8306599) **11.35 Insektors** (3525268) **11.50 Dennis** (8537131) **12.05pm Mork and Mindy** (6615044) **12.30 Travels à la Carte** (64131) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (78044) **1.30 Lonely Planet** (63402) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing: York** (652150) **4.30 Filthy Rich** (889) **5.00 5 Pump: Slici a Slac** (9860) **5.30 Countdown** (841) **6.00 Newyddion** (287889) **6.15 Heno** (721624) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (109957) **7.25 Y Tri Dimensiwn** (350570) **8.00 Hwyl Y Noson Lawen** (5044) **8.30 Newyddion** (4179) **9.00 Secret History: Mutiny in the RAF** (5889) **10.00 Brookside** (45518) **10.30 American Gothic** (21995) **11.30 Cybill** (50150) **12.00am Homicide — Life on the Street** (53342)

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12.30 Travels à la Carte (r) (Teletext) (s) (64131)

1.00 Sesame Street. The guests are the Tokyo String Quartet (r) (s) (69686)

2.00 Channel 4 Racing from York. Live coverage of the **2.05, 2.35 (Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks), 3.10 (Tote-Ebor), 3.45** and **4.15** races (s) (652150)

4.30 Countdown (s) (889) **5.00 The Ricki Lake Show** (Teletext) (s) (8508995) **5.45 Toys for the Boys** (r) (615112)

6.00 Party of Five (Teletext) (s) (276599)

6.50 Terrytoons (326537)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (107315)

7.55 The Slot (457266)

8.00 Brookside. Katie receives some disturbing news from Bel and Ollie. (Teletext) (s) (5044)

8.30 CHOICE **Short Stories: Firing Line.** With the 150 cadets of Alleyns School Combined Cadet Force on a week's intensive training on an army camp over Easter (Teletext) (s) (4179)

Ellen has employee troubles (9.00pm)

9.00 Ellen. Audrey applies for a job at the bookshop (7518)

9.30 Dressing for Breakfast. Louise's 29th birthday makes her feel depressed (r). (Teletext) (s) (84995)

10.00 American Gothic. Lucas tries to send Dr Matt over the edge (Teletext) (s) (920841)

10.55 The Naked Truth. Nora flaps when her parents announce that they are coming to stay. (Teletext) (s) (793044)

11.30 Cheers (r). (Teletext) (50150)

12.00 Strippers. A documentary profile of three Italian strippers (r) (7604464)

12.35am-3.25 Midnight Underground: Tom's Flesh. (1/5) A showcase for experimental film (8352342)

12.45 Freak Basics. A journey into the creativity of "disabled sex" (2919822)

1.00 Protect Me. A film about an Italian-born performance artist (6179919)

1.15 FILM: Rhythm Thief (1994, b/w) Urban drama directed by Matthew Harrison (228006)

2.55 Island Race. A documentary filmed in London's East End at the time the BNP was gathering political momentum in Tower Hamlets (1816667). Ends at **3.25am**

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SKY ONE

7am Undun (28063) **9.00** Press Your Luck (4707957) **9.20** Love Connection (1521266) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (2929228) **10.40** Jeopardy! (6388686) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (8389179) **12.00** Geraldo (71042) **1.00pm** Code 3 (21150) **1.30** Designing Women (25266) **2.00** Miracles and Other Wonders (82773) **3.00** Court TV (2860) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5531082) **4.15** Undun (1770605) **5.00** Quantum Leap (3112) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (71006) **7.00** Spellbound (4841) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5745) **8.00** Police Stop! (53063) **9.00** The Outer Limits (40599) **10.00** Quantum Leap (43686) **11.00** Highlander (15599) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (4504349) **12.45am** Dress Gray (6154396) **1.30** Adventures of Mark and Brian (78716) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8372984)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (2781228) **9.30** Destinations (94711) **10.30** ABC Nightline (73315) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (49957) **2.30** CBS News (68179) **3.30** Destinations (9889) **6.30** Tonight with Simon McCoy (34570) **7.30** Sportsline (62537) **8.30** Newsmaker (6286) **11.30** CBS Evening News (16599) **12.30am** ABC World News (14006) **1.30** Tonight with Simon Mccoy Replay (14731) **2.30** Newsmaker (32358) **3.30** Destinations (37803) **4.30** CBS Evening News (59938) **5.30** ABC World News (71629)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am . . . and God Created Woman (1956) (66334 **8.00 Challenge to Be Free (1972)** (69763 **10.00 She Led Two Lives (1995)** (20711 **12.00 One of Our Spies Is Missing (1965)** (96976 **2.00pm Danny (1979)** (67266 **4.00 Cold Turkey (1971)** (6044 **6.00 She Led Two Lives (1995)** (30995 **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (5063 **8.00 Dead Air (1994)** (59247 **10.00 Strawberry and Chocolate (1995)** (489315 **11.50 Night Eyes 3 (1993)** (781605 **1.35am The Culpepper Cattle Company (1972)** (2658551 **3.05 The Owl (1991)** (2502396 **4.25 Natural Causes (1994)** (610236 **5.59 (1994)** (3759483)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Batman (1966) (17518 **2.00pm The Devil Is a Woman (1935)** (4660353 **3.25 The Song of Bernadette (1943)** (15097547 **6.00 Can't Stop the Music (1980)** (16570 **8.00 All of Me (1984)** (28315 **10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984)** (687995 **11.45 Victor/Victoria (1982)** (66179995 **2.00 Charley Varrick (1973)** (629667 **3.50-5.20 All of Me (1984)** (6001795)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am A-Haunting We Will Go (1942) (93995 **7.30 My Little Pony: The Movie (1986)** (83518 **9.00 Second Chance (1995)** (90976 **10.30 The Littlest Hobo (1958)** (78599 **12.00 A Millionaire for Christy (1951)** (94518 **2.00pm The Black Rose (1950)** (65808 **4.00 Second Chance (1995)** (6686 **6.00 A Young Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (1994)** (45044 **8.00 When a Man Loves a Woman (1994)** (31907570 **10.05 Beverly Hills Cop III (1993)** (495976 **11.50 The Disappearance of Christina (1993)** (595995 **1.25am Mac (1992)** (579716 **3.25 The Prom (1992)** (4528700 **4.20-6.00 Second Chance (1995)** (421613)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.05am Quack Attack (4873112) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dales (2224131) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dales (2243266) **7.20** Ducktales (6010889) **7.45** Ducktales (3943247) **8.10** Quack Attack (7433044) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (8396518) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (55024) **9.30** Quack Attack (44063) **10.00** Shnookums and Meat (20082) **10.30** Raw Toonage (6282537) **10.55** Chip 'n' Dale (5443957) **11.20** Chip 'n' Dale (2374957) **11.45** Muppet Babies (1893315) **12.05pm** Sing Me a Story with Belle (2372228) **12.30** Lamb Chops Play Along! (55179) **1.00** Tarzan (37860) **1.30** Flipper (3369402) **2.20** Teen Angel Returns (66187686) **2.30** Eyewitness (3402) **3.00** Ducktales (6827711) **3.25** Quack Attack (6813518) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dales (3812402) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (5211315) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (3688860) **5.00** Gargoyles (8605) **5.30** Shnookums and Meat (4518) **6.00** Raw Toonage (4131) **6.30** Home Improvement (8711) **7.00** The Sinbad Show (8841) **7.30** Entertainment Specials: Humphrey Bogart Behind the Legend (48995) **8.30** Gargoyles (61421) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (35315)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics (21792) **9.00** Indycar (39605) **11.00** Snooker (48537) **1.00pm** Water Skiing (14808) **2.00** Equestrianism (20957) **3.00** Truck Racing (8024) **3.30** Motors (42353) **5.00** Formula 1 (2889) **5.30** Live Athletics (577995) **8.00** Live Tennis (73841) **10.00** Tennis (53599) **12.00-12.30am** Tennis (30342)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (75995) **7.30** International Karting Grand Prix (16860) **8.30** Racing News (52570) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (76150) **9.30** Wrestling — Summerslam (338353) **12.30pm** Aerobics Oz Style (91957) **1.00** Beach Volleyball (74266) **1.30** American Sports Cavalcade (83131) **2.30** This Week in Baseball (2518) **3.00** Asian Football (52860) **4.00** Footballer's Football (71995) **5.00** International Karting Grand Prix (6228) **6.00** Sports Centre (3247) **6.30** Inside the PGA Tour (4599) **7.00** The Winning Post Kempton and Hereford (27131) **8.30** Futbol Mundial (759421) **8.55** Sports Centre (309976) **9.00** The Pavilion End (97421) **10.00** Sports Centre (64315) **10.30** International Karting Grand Prix (26599) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (23044) **12.00** The Pavilion End (15174) **1.00am** Inside the PGA Tour (57434) **1.30-2.00** Sports Centre (14532)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 In-line Skating (95063082) **1.00pm** Football Coca-Cola Cup First Round, First Leg (58943088) **3.00** Ocean Africa (39037266) **3.30** Motorsport — and They Walked Away III (92719334) **5.00** Asian Golf (39028518) **6.00** In-line Skating (95069266) **7.00** Sports Centre (39029247) **7.30** Golf Extra US PGA Senior Long Island Classic and Nike Tour (83584150) **11.00** Inside the PGA Tour (36186808) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (43098137)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** General Christian Entertainment **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Hi Song **6.15** This Is Your Day **6.45-7.00** Good Morning

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (1455583) **7.55** As the World Turns (9072711) **8.50** Peyton Place (5079624) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (5202402) **10.10-11.00** Another World

Steve Martin and Bernadette Peters (TNT, 9.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (5022131) **11.30** Dive the World (5023860) **12.00** California's Gold (2201792) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (6776565) **1.00** Getaway (2305082) **1.30** Round Trip (7126006) **2.00** Great Sports Vacations (2874131) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (8036792) **3.00** Globetrotter (2893266) **3.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (6272173) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (75583179)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Civil War Journals (5046711) **5.00** Over There (2884518) **6.00-7.00** Biography (1821614)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday - Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday - Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable

8.00pm Quatermass — The Series (5293105) **9.00** Quatermass — The Series (4696911) **10.00** Tales of the Unexpected (2202421) **10.30** The Tomorrow People (2288841) **11.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (5014112) **11.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5350889) **12.00** Ripley's Believe It or Not (1728844) **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (2194236) **2.00 FILM: The Quatermass Experiment** (8442936) **3.30-4.00** Robotech (3803209)

TLC

9.00am Painting (7765711) **9.30** Gardening (9787228) **10.00** Two's Country (6490860) **10.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (7761995) **11.00** The Painted House (5373889) **11.30** Room for Improvement (5374518) **12.00** Julia Child (7752247) **12.30pm** Frugal Gourmet (9781044) **1.00** Simply Delicious Fish (2133112) **1.30** This Old House (9780315) **2.00** This Old House (9548191) **2.30** Garden Club (5715222) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (7113208) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (8747669)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (2143599) **7.30** Neighbours (2155334) **8.00** Angels (7751518) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (7750889) **9.00** The Bill (7734841) **9.30** The Sullivans (9789686) **10.00** Big Deal (2151518) **11.00** Bullseye (5375247) **11.30** Sale of the Century (5376976) **12.00** Tellystack (7754605) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9783402) **1.00** Till Death Us Do Part (9872518) **1.35** Rose (9725599) **2.15** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (9404353) **2.50** Odd Man Out (3021112) **3.30** The Bill (8766547) **4.00** One by One (87372063) **5.05** Tellystack (85008570) **5.35** Bullseye (7287792) **6.05** You Rang, M'Lord? (2083889) **7.05** Morecambe and Wise (5588353) **8.00 FILM: Carry on at Your Convenience** (1109334) **10.00** The Bill (2793063) **10.35** The Young Ones (9518841) **11.15** First Born (9538131) **12.20am FILM: Find the Lady** (44243193) **1.40-3.00** Shopping (70061862)

TCC

6.00am Tiny TCC (84266) **7.00** Tiny and Crew (2300957) **7.15** Towser (1136537) **7.30** Greedysaurus (2372605) **7.40** Bertha (3216150) **7.50** Teddy Trucks (3212334) **8.00** Barney and Friends (20995) **8.30** Dinobabies (29266) **9.00** Art Attack (10518) **9.30** Byker Grove (57537) **10.00** Heartbreak High (59082) **11.00** Madison (93131) **11.30** Hang Time (94860) **12.00** Degrassi Junior High (23082) **12.30pm** Pugwall (51353) **1.00** California Dreams (40334) **1.30** Chart Show (50624) **2.00** Ready or Not (7599) **2.30** Madison (6976) **3.00** Heartbreak High (53696) **4.00** California Dreams (7228) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (5275792) **6.15** Mr Men (5270247) **6.30** Babar (34150) **7.00** Littlest Pet Shop (73537) **7.30** Turtles (52044) **8.00** Biker Mice (51841) **8.30** Mighty Max (50112) **9.00** Rugrats (64976) **10.00** Real Monsters (25402) **10.30** Doug (70976) **11.00** Rocko (55957) **11.30** Pete and Pete (58686) **12.00** Alex Mack (61228) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (99599) **1.00** Santo Bugito (72808) **1.30** Capital Critters (81570) **2.00** Ferrals (7711) **2.30** Mighty Max (3860) **3.00** Biker Mice (3518) **3.30** Real Monsters (5605) **4.00** Cryptkeeper (4112) **4.30** Rugrats (3624) **5.00** Sister Sister (7570) **6.00** Alex Mack (1889) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark?

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Kimberley (5357841) **5.00** Time Travellers (5843583) **5.30** Jurassica (5410470) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9799063) **7.00** Wild Things (1443727) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **8.00** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (9443547) **8.30** Ghosthunters (2007372) **9.00** Unexplained (1116624) **10.00** Chrome Dreams (1119711) **11.00-12.00** Supermax

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (7749773) **12.30pm** William Tell (9778570) **1.00** The Buccaneers (2160266) **1.30** Sir Lancelot (9777841) **2.00** Honey West (5948137) **2.30** Charlie Chan (1115268) **3.00** The Saint (5365860) **4.00 FILM: They Came from Beyond Space** (6198470) **6.00** UFO (9793889) **7.00** Department S (1114266) **8.00** Sapphire and Steel (5043781) **8.30** Weekly World News (6398678) **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (1103150) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Valley Girl** (5364131)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (5599) **7.30** Entertainment (4353) **8.00** Wings (4247) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (6082) **9.00** Soap (68421) **9.30** Taxi (87173) **10.00** Entertainment (62957) **10.30** A List (71605) **11.00** Pursuit of Happiness (70266) **11.30** London Underground (21686) **12.00** Carnal Knowledge (13716) **1.00am** Soap (57416) **1.30** Taxi (12174) **2.00** Entertainment (16087) **2.30** Wings (28822) **3.00** A List (85532) **3.30-4.00** Pursuit of Happiness (19174)

UK LIVING

6.00pm Kilroy (7959421) **7.00** Esther (7659082) **7.30** Young and Restless (8811889) **8.20** Trivial Pursuit (2545179) **8.45** Delia Smith (5901006) **9.15** Rolanda (5429711) **10.10** Jerry Springer (9347082) **11.00** Young and Restless (7980624) **11.55** Brookside (5517063) **12.30am** Gabrielle (6504537) **1.20** Catchword (2567605) **2.00** Cagney and Lacey (3682792) **3.00** Summer Show (1278570) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7925957) **4.30** Crosswits (5625808) **5.05** Lingo (64426686) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7938421) **6.00** Bewitched (7935334) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6708889) **7.05** Brookside (3231727) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (9656131) **8.00** Street Legal (1234044) **9.00 FILM: Baby Girl Scott** (1237131) **11.00-12.00** Sex Files II (7635402)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00am Road to Avonlea (4826) **6.00** Batman (7605) **6.30** Catchphrase (8957) **7.00** A Word in Your Ear (1315) **7.30** The Fall Guy (11841) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (9570) **9.00** Father Dowling (40537) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (43624) **11.00** Sirens (50711) **12.00** The Fall Guy (59532) **1.00** Batman (34822) **1.30pm** Father Dowling (92193) **2.30** All Together Now (71938) **3.00** Big Brother Jake (21359) **3.30** GP (55980) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (10087)

MTV

7.30am Supermodel 1 (39228) **8.00** Morning Mix (220860) **11.00** European Top 20 (48976) **12.00** Greatest Hits (49518) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (23179) **3.00** Select MTV (53614) **4.00** Hanging Out Summertime (66860) **5.30** Dial MTV (2150) **6.00** Hanging Extra (9063) **6.30** Fugees Live N' Loud (9565) **7.00** Greatest Hits (46711) **8.00** MTV M-cyclopedia (22131) **9.00** Singled Out (15353) **9.30** Gay Amour (29773) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (19889) **11.00** Arrested Development (29841) **12.00** Videos (9894551) **5.00am** Awake on the Wildside (71025)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (10193150) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (40337537) **11.00** Music First (10192421) **12.00** Heart and Soul (75039266) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (75015686) **2.00** Ten of the Best (40328889) **3.00** Into the Music (89886044) **6.00** Happy Hour (75028150) **7.00** VH-1 for You (79449841) **8.00** Review (79465889) **9.00** Ten of the Best (79478353) **10.00** Vinyl Years (79448112) **11.00** Tommy Vance is the Nightfly (74268334) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (41005613)

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable**

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (37610711) **7.30** Life Style East (27884599) **8.30** Health (57547860) **9.00** Kagajer Bou (57538112) **9.30** Hit Thi Hit Hai (37692678) **11.00** Manesi (40636082) **11.30** Daraar (40637711) **12.00** V3 (57558976) **12.30pm** Parivartan (92054686) **1.00 FILM** (20363605) **4.00** Public Demand (40627334) **5.00** Zee Zone (25168137) **6.00** Campus (40186792) **6.30** Zee and U (40177044) **7.00** Flu (24716696) **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat (40173228) **8.00** News (18411204) **8.30** Dastaan **9.00 FILM** (95653808) **11.30-12.00** Film Deewane

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm That Forsyte Woman (1949) (83614063 **9.00 Pennies from Heaven (1982)** (95218605 **11.00 Mr Skeffington (1944)** (68097082 **1.10am Grand Central Murder (1942)** (62422716 **2.30-5.00 The Secret Partner (1961)** (70405984)

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Rowdy scenes greet India's cup final triumph

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Crowd pleasing victory for Halling at York

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Sussex fast bowler banished from first-class game until 1998

Giddins pays heavy price for drug use

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

CRICKET dealt with a drugs offender yesterday in a manner that can be considered a firm example to all or, alternatively, a severe overreaction. Either way, an imposed suspension, until April 1998, has quite possibly ended the career of Ed Giddins, one of the English game's brightest young fast bowlers and most colourful characters.

The discipline committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), chaired by Gerard Elias QC, found Giddins, 25, guilty of using cocaine. After a hearing at Lord's that spilt into a second day, he was banned from all cricket under the auspices of the Board and his registration with Sussex was cancelled.

Giddins left the ground without comment and has 14 days in which to consider an appeal to the Cricket Council. It is not believed that the police are involved, despite the illegal status of the substance, but Giddins is this morning confronting life without cricket, indeed life without work, less than a year after his selection for an England A tour to Pakistan.

The only previous English cricketer to fail a random drugs test, routinely operated by the Sports Council, is Richard Stemp, who was then with Worcestershire. His explanation that drinks had been spiked was accepted, leaving Giddins as the first to suffer a suspension in such circumstances, although Ian Botham was suspended for two months in 1987 after admitting using cannabis.

Cricket had no easy choices in the case of Giddins. As cocaine is a grade A banned substance, a suspension of some sort was inevitable once the player's defence, that he had ingested it inadvertently, had been rejected. Cricket has a responsibility to show itself as a clean sport, with an image attractive to the young, but it was also the duty of the discipline committee to find that sensitive balance between the deterrent and the draconian, and they may have erred on the side of the latter.

Drugs in sport familiarly relate to an attempt to enhance performance, to gain an unfair advantage over others. Nobody can seriously believe that Giddins's motive in snorting cocaine was to make himself a better fast bowler.

He might have been a fool but he is not a cheat, and it is the banishment of cheats that sport customarily addresses when it deals with drugs. If it is going to take on the problems of society, of which cocaine is unarguably one, cricket is entering murky areas.

The Board's statement yesterday condemned Giddins's conduct. "It was not only likely to bring the game into disrepute but had the potential to put at risk the safety of fellow players and officials." Quite what was meant by this is unclear, for there is no suggestion that Giddins behaved any more recklessly than usual on the day in question, though this, admittedly, gives him appreciable licence, for he has never been one to live his life in quiet conformity.

He was educated at Eastbourne College, where his disciplinary record is still discussed today, and since joining Sussex in 1990 he has taken a startling variety of winter jobs, including work as a male model, a ski instructor and in a topless bar in Sydney.

Giddins has a sporting brother, Charlie, who is a golf professional in Hastings. By his own, engaging admission, he likes drinking, gambling and womanising and has perhaps done all three to excess at one time or another. He is far from the stereotype professional sportsman and might not fit comfortably into every team, but his ability is unquestioned, which makes his enforced absence all the sadder.

Giddins and his county have existed under the threat of this outcome since the beginning of June, when he tested positive during a championship match against Kent at Tunbridge Wells. Under the stipulated procedure, a second part of his sample was then tested, and also found positive, before he was brought before a summary discipline panel and, on Monday, the full committee.

"We shall obviously miss Ed," the Sussex secretary, Nigel Bett said. "He is a quality cricketer, but I think this will also relieve a bit of pressure. When one of your colleagues has got something like this hanging over his head, it makes life a little bit difficult in the dressing-room."

Sussex continued to select him while conjecture raged around them but whether they will help him to revive his career, if he so wishes, remains to be seen. Bett struck a cautionary note: "The next 12 months will be a test for him to see if he wants to come back into the game. He has got a lot of thinking to do."

ED GIDDINS

1971: Born, Eastbourne, July 20. Educated at St Bede's and Eastbourne College
1991: Made Sussex debut.
1993: Sussex under-23 player of the year.
1994: Awarded county cap.
1995: Toured Pakistan with England A.
1996: Banned by TCCB until April 1, 1998
Averages: Bowling: 29.94 (first-class); 33.71 (one-day). Batting: 5.63 (first-class); 2.50 (one-day). Best bowling: 6 for 47 (first-class); 4 for 23 (one-day). Highest scores: 34 (first-class); 13 (one-day).

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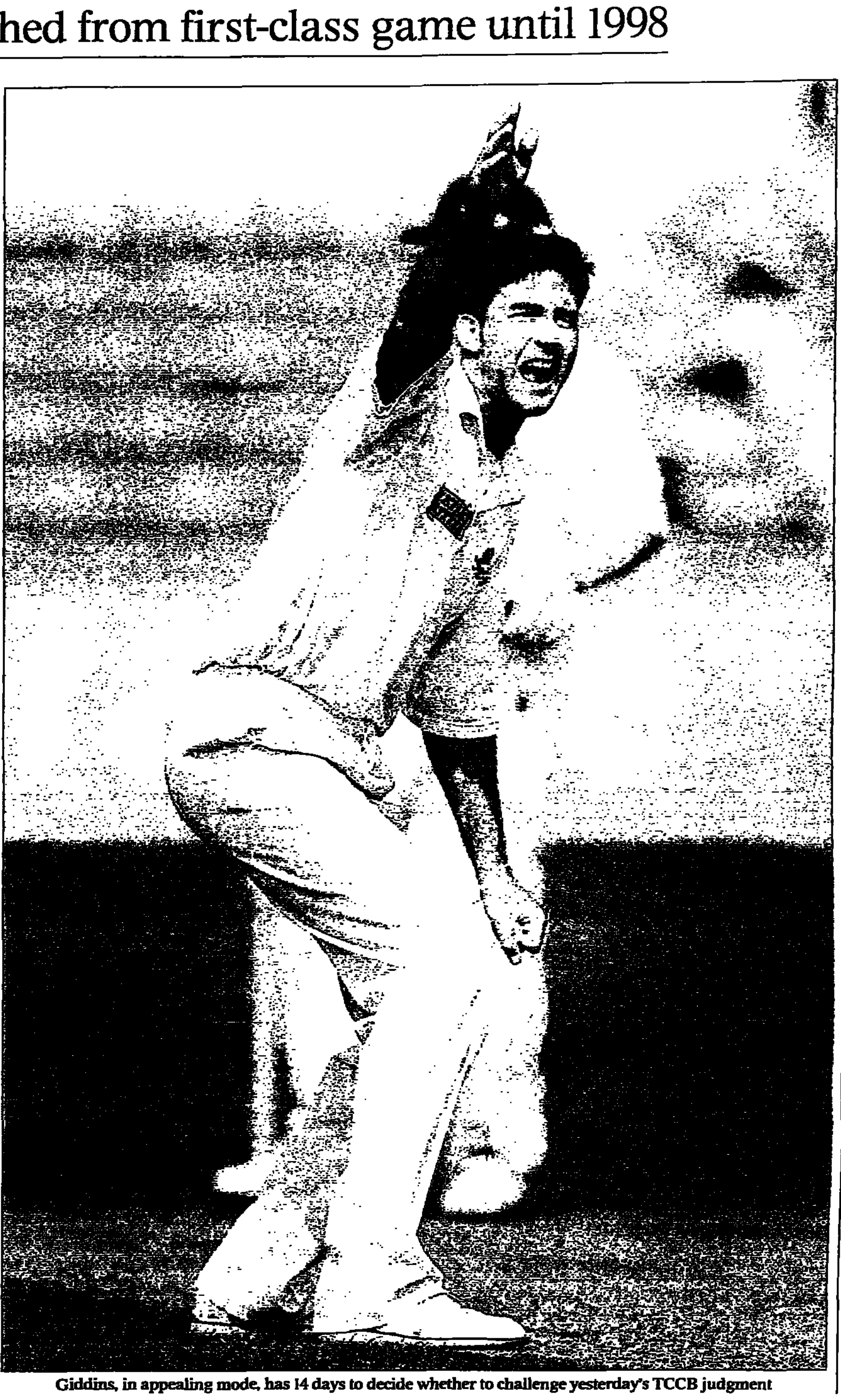


Giddins, in appealing mode, has 14 days to decide whether to challenge yesterday's TCCB judgment

Scotland players press for better pay deal

By Mark Souster

SCOTLAND could lose another six senior players to English clubs before the new season begins unless the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) improves its financial offer to the international squad.

Negotiations between the SRU and the players are at a critical and delicate stage after their rejection on Sunday of the latest proposals, which had been put to them by Ken Crichton, the union's deputy convener of rugby.

With the English season starting a week on Saturday and players able to switch clubs within seven days, the loss of established performers to England would undermine the SRU's plans to restructure the domestic game based on professional districts.

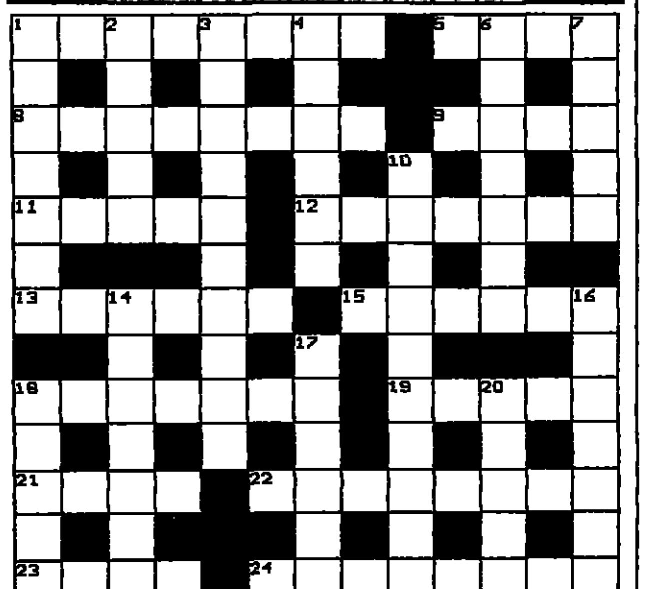
The most recent offer amounted to a guaranteed sum of between £25,000 and £30,000 a year for the top players, with less for lower-graded colleagues; this could rise to more than £50,000 with win bonuses and appearance money.

The squad, which has appointed Alistair Duff, a partner at the Edinburgh lawyers, Henderson, Boyd, Jackson, to handle contract negotiations, considered the offer as "totally inappropriate and inadequate".

One squad member said that the players were not blackmailing the SRU into offering more lucrative contracts, the length of which would be individually negotiated. "It has gone beyond that," he said. "We are not holding the union to ransom and we hope that a structure can be put into place which is both reasonable and affordable. The bottom line, though, is we need a better guarantee."

Arthur Hastie, meanwhile, is expected to be named the new manager of Scotland today after the decision by Jim Telfer to relinquish the post. Telfer has decided to concentrate on his other role as director of rugby. Hastie managed the Scotland Development XV, which toured Zimbabwe last year, and was the assistant manager on Scotland's tour of the South Sea Islands in 1993. He is considered more of an administrator. Telfer is expected to be confirmed as the assistant coach on the British Isles tour of South Africa next summer.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Dyfed town; Oxford, Cambridge college (8)
5 Square-rigger; (Sc.) bridge (4)
8 Formal decision (8)
9 Meat-in-tortilla snack (4)
11 Prospero its duke; AC, Inter city (5)
12 Old straight track (3,4)
13 Rapid-water channel (6)
15 Change; circuit control (6)
18 Miraculous resource (7)
19 Changes direction; sounds like *levy* (5)
21 Stalk of tall grass (4)
22 Able to read and write (8)
23 Sudden quiet (4)
24 One from Principality (8)

DOWN
1 Night clothes (7)
2 Award for pinning on (5)
3 Novel based on real people (5-1-4)
4 Ignite (6)
6 One not deceiving himself (7)
7 Shakespeare's theatre (5)
10 One giving first-hand evidence (10)
14 Strip off (7)
16 One no longer important (3-4)
17 Counsel (6)
18 Circumference (eg of tree) (5)
20 Appeal; amulet (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 865

ACROSS: 1 Rack and ruin 8 Prism 9 Prodigy 10 Dupe 11 Indigent 13 Margin 14 Dumdum 17 Roly-poly 19 RSVP 22 Upstart 23 Azure 24 Treasonable

DOWN: 1 Rapid 2 Clipper 3 Army 4 Daphne 5 Uxorious 6 Noise 7 System 12 Displace 13 Maraud 15 Disturb 16 Slates 18 Liszt 20 Peeve 21 Main

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 861
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ACROSS: 1 Asbestos 5 Derv 9 Zebra crossing 10 Cyan 11 Scourge 13 Paltry 15 Commit 18 Cecilia 20 Dash 23 Old age pension 24 Soya 25 Lollipop

DOWN: 1 Adze 2 Bobby 3 Spanner 4 Ogress 6 Epigram 7 Vignette 8 Oslo 12 Specious 14 Lucidly 16 Ordinal 17 Sappho 19 Logo 21 Skimp 22 Snap

1st PRIZE of a return ticket travelling economy class to anywhere on BRITISH MIDLAND's domestic or international network is M Lloyd, Cardiff.

2nd PRIZE of a return ticket to anywhere on BRITISH MIDLAND'S domestic network is I E Weidmann, New Malden, Surrey.

All flights subject to availability.

Keegan to play all his aces

By Peter Ball and Russell Kempson

KEVIN KEEGAN is making no concessions to pragmatism. While criticism of his credo of all-out attack resounds, the Newcastle United manager is refusing to amend his approach. Instead, he is playing all three of his expensive forwards as they search for their first win of the season against Wimbledon at St James' Park tonight.

"The criticism of our defence is totally justified," Keegan said yesterday, "but I don't accept that the players aren't good enough. Last season we had about the fourth best defensive record in the Premiership. I work from the forwards back, and to change that now I think would be a mistake."

Keegan has demanded more passion and commitment. "We have to learn the lessons of Wembley and Goodison," he said. "I have told the players what they are. We are lacking urgency and we are not really together as a team. I am looking for passion and determination, and if they can't put it right, they'll go out of the team." Asprilla, who missed Saturday's opening game at Everton through suspension, returns and is likely to play alongside both Shearer and Ferdinand in an attacking trio that cost Newcastle around £28 million.

Everton, 2-0 winners over Newcastle last Saturday, face an even stiffer test of their credentials tonight, away to Manchester United. They are going, however, with confidence high. "Since I've been manager, the score against United has been 2-2, and our two includes the FA Cup Final," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said. "A lot of teams are beaten before they get to Old Trafford. We won't be." United will be without Keane and there are fitness doubts concerning Giggs and Cantona.

Middlesbrough's visit to Stamford Bridge to take on Chelsea brings together Fabrizio Ravanelli and Gianluca Vialli, the former Juventus strikers. Had Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, had his audacious way, Vialli could have joined his former team-mate at the Riverside Stadium.

Keegan: more commitment

"It did cross my mind to bring them both here," Robson said. "It didn't work out in the end, but I'm sure both of them will be equally successful in the Premiership."

The pair experienced contrasting fortunes at the weekend. Ravanelli scored a hat-trick in Middlesbrough's 3-3 draw with Liverpool, while Vialli drew a blank in Chelsea's 0-0 draw against Southampton.

"Gianluca is still one of the best players in the world," Ravanelli said. "I'm convinced he will be a huge success in this country." Vialli played down the significance of their reunion tonight. "The game is not just about myself and Fabrizio, it is not any sort of confrontation between us," he said. "It is about two teams and how they play, that is the important thing."

Rebel teams spark Formula One rift

By Oliver Holt

THE cracks in the ranks of Formula One motor racing teams that have been forcing their way to the surface for the past few months finally burst into the open yesterday. The International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) announced sweeping changes to the way grand prix motor racing will be run from next year, but three of its most powerful teams refused to be party to the new deal.

Williams, the constructors' champions, McLaren and Tyrrell have long made known their unhappiness with the terms of the radical new Concorde Agreement, the document that lays down the guidelines for the sharing of television and circuit income and the staging of races between 1997 and 2001.

The teams have been engaged in an increasingly frenetic series of meetings at grands prix in the past six weeks as they attempted to reach a compromise. Yesterday, though, it appeared that the patience of Max Mosley, the president of the FIA, and Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, had finally snapped.

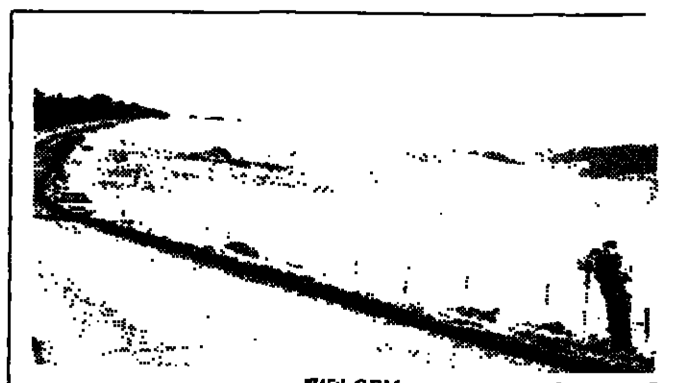
The new rules, that include the abolition of the two Friday practice sessions, turning grands prix into two-day events instead of three, and provision for 17 races a season instead of 16, have been implemented without the consent of the three rebels.

Technically, each of the three could be stopped from participating in races and although they are likely to be allowed to compete by applying to the Formula One Commission, their refusal to sign could lead to their non-participation in future events if the schism intensifies.

Ken Tyrrell, the Tyrrell chairman, said yesterday that he was "flabbergasted" by the announcement from the FIA headquarters in Paris and initially, at least, the three non-signatories are likely to suffer financially, penalised by being allotted a smaller share of income than those that have agreed to the new rules.

If they decided to flex their muscles, though, they could throw the sport into disarray because the Concorde Agreement also guarantees a 20-car grid. There are only 22 cars competing already and, even with the addition of Stewart Grand Prix next season, the withdrawal of six cars would leave the FIA two short.

That might play into the hands of Ecclestone, who is an advocate of three-car teams, although it is unlikely that Williams and their fellow rebels could risk the wrath of sponsors and prejudice their drivers' championship chances by refusing to race in individual events.



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